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PERSONAL ITEMS.

COLONEL G. A. FORSYTH, U. S. A., and family are at Beaufort, S. C.

CAPTAIN MOSES HARRIS, 1st Cavalry, is a recent visitor in St. Paul.

LIEUTENANT A. D. SCHENCK, 2d U. S. Artillery, is wintering at Cold Springs, N. Y.

GENERAL J. S. WITCHER, U. S. A., has rejoined at Pittsburg, Pa., from a short leave.

GENERAL EDMUND SCHRIVER, U. S. A., retired, is spending the winter at Salem, N. Y.

CAPTAIN H. B. OSGOOD, U. S. A., locates his subsistence office temporarily at St. Louis.

LIEUTENANT S. F. MASSEY, 5th U. S. Artillery, is spending the holidays at Sandusky, Ohio.

LIEUTENANT C. H. GRIERSON, A. D. C., has returned to Los Angeles, Cal., from a trip to Santa Fe.

LIEUTENANT W. H. WHEELER, 11th U. S. Infantry, is located for the winter at 96 Fifth Ave., New York City.

CAPTAIN W. S. WORTH, 8th U. S. Infantry, has been visiting old friends at Columbus, O., and Omaha, Neb.

CAPTAIN WALTER REED, post surgeon, Mount Vernon Barracks, Ala., visited friends in Washington this week.

LIEUTENANT J. T. FRENCH, 4th U. S. Artillery, is now at Leavenworth ready to record for the Tactical Board.

LIEUTENANT W. N. P. DARROW, 4th U. S. Art., left Old Point Comfort on Sunday, to be absent over New Year's.

CAPTAIN G. M. WHEELER, U. S. A., and Mrs. Wheeler, have been visiting in New York City on their way to California.

LIEUTENANT A. G. C. QUAY, 5th U. S. Cavalry, will rejoin at Fort Sill, I. T., from a month's visit to his relatives in the East.

CAPTAIN H. H. KETCHUM, 22d U. S. Inf., is spending the holidays in New York city, with headquarters at the Hoffman House.

LIEUTENANT J. M. CALIFF, 3d U. S. Artillery, rejoined at Washington Barracks, D. C., on Friday of this week from a short leave.

We are sorry to note that Lieut. John M. Cunningham, 19th U. S. Infantry, has had to be removed to the Insane Asylum at Washington.

CAPTAIN H. C. EGBERT, 12th U. S. Infantry, is visiting at 612 East Rich street, Columbus, O., and will go to Fort Sully, Dakota, in a few weeks.

COLONEL R. I. DODGE, 11th U. S. Infantry, on a few months' leave from Madison Barracks, N. Y., is spending a portion of it at Old Point Comfort.

CAPTAIN G. A. GOODALE, 23d U. S. Infantry, of Fort Mackinac, was a visitor to Albany, N. Y., this week, and from there made a short visit to Boston.

GENERAL WILLIAM D. WHIFFLE, U. S. A., has been re-elected Senior Vice Commander of the George Washington Post 103, G. A. R., New York City.

CAPTAIN GEORGE W. MCCREERY, assistant surgeon, U. S. A., on leave from Fort Warren, Mass., is visiting friends at 350 Lexington Ave., New York City.

LIEUTENANT G. A. ZINN, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, was expected in Washington this week to report to Secretary of War Proctor for special service.

LIEUTENANT C. W. HARROLD, 3d U. S. Art., was expected to leave Fort McHenry, Md., the latter part of the week, to spend January, and February in Florida.

LIEUTENANT JOHN MCCELLAN, 5th U. S. Artillery, left Governor's Island early in the week to spend a fortnight visiting in Philadelphia and Washington.

CAPTAIN PATRICK CURACK, 9th U. S. Cavalry, was expected to leave Fort Niobrara this week to spend the remainder of the winter on leave for the benefit of his health.

LIEUTENANT T. H. BARRY, 1st U. S. Infantry, expected to reach San Francisco the latter part of this week from the East with a detachment of recruits for his regiment.

LIEUTENANT E. W. EVANS, 8th U. S. Cavalry, will be married at Fort Meade, S. D., on Tuesday next, to Miss Mary E. Head, daughter of Major G. E. Head, 3d U. S. Infantry.

GENERAL O. D. GREENE, U. S. A., has been transferred to the Kansas Commandery of the Loyal Legion and Colonel Michael Sheridan, U. S. A., to the Nebraska Commandery.

NANDIEZAZ, the Apache Indian, who murdered Lieut. Seward Mott, 10th U. S. Cavalry, on Gila River, San Carlos Reservation, March 10, 1887, was hanged Dec. 27 at Globe, Ariz.

LIEUTENANT J. E. NORMOYLE, 23d U. S. Infantry, has taken charge of quartermaster matters at Fort Brady, Mich., in succession to Lieut. Raymond R. Stevens, who has gone on leave for two months.

SECRETARY OF WAR PROCTOR, visited South Bethlehem, Pa., early in the week and inspected the iron and steel works of the South Bethlehem Company with a view to determining its facilities for the manufacture of large guns.

The certificate of incorporation of the National Society of the Sons of the Revolution in the United States of America was filed Dec. 28. The incorporators and trustees are Henry Thayer Drowne, Alexander R. Thompson, Jr., Francis Johnston Hopson, G. Johnston Bradish, and Asa Bird Gardiner.

LIEUTENANT T. Q. DONALDSON, 7th U. S. Cavalry, is at Greenville, S. C.

MAJOR J. A. P. HAMPTON, 12th U. S. Inf., of Fort Sully, is visiting at Indianola, Iowa.

CAPTAIN D. F. STILES, 10th U. S. Infantry, is a recent visitor at Fort Leavenworth, Kas.

2d LIEUTENANT W. J. PARDEE, 18th Infantry, has gone on a sick leave from Fort Clark, Texas.

LIEUTENANT SEDGWICK RICE, 7th U. S. Cav., is visiting relations at 189 East Ninth street, St. Paul.

LIEUTENANT R. H. NOBLE, 1st U. S. Infantry, left Angel Island, Cal., this week for the East, to remain until April.

LIEUTENANT CHAS. L. PHILLIPS, 4th U. S. Art., left Fort Monroe, Va., on Monday, on a short New Year's leave.

LIEUTENANT CHARLES HUMPHREYS, 3d U. S. Art., left Old Point Comfort, Va., on New Year's Day on a short leave.

LIEUTENANT E. D. HOYLE, 2d U. S. Art., of Fort Adams, R. I., was made the happy father of a daughter, Dec. 27.

LIEUTENANT A. C. BLUNT, 5th U. S. Artillery, assumed charge this week of quartermaster matters at Fort Wadsworth, N. Y. H.

LIEUTENANT C. H. HEYL, 23d U. S. Infantry, of Fort Wayne, paid a pleasant visit to old friends at Fort Mackinac, Mich., this week.

The officers and ladies of Fort Omaha will tender Capt. Charles A. Dempsey, 2d U. S. Inf., and bride a reception on Tuesday evening, Jan. 7.

CAPTAIN C. L. DAVIS, 10th U. S. Infantry, who is spending the holidays at Cooperstown, N. Y., will shortly return to Arizona in charge of a detachment of recruits.

MAJOR A. C. GIRARD, surgeon, U. S. A., has arrived at Fort Niagara, N. Y., from Boise Barracks, and taken charge of the medical department at the former post.

MAJOR CALVIN DE WITT, Surgeon, U. S. A., was expected to leave Fort Missoula, Montana, this week, for the East, to spend January and most of February on leave.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL C. T. ALEXANDER, surgeon, U. S. A., arrived in New York City on Tuesday from Vancouver Barracks, and is temporarily located at 121 Madison avenue.

CAPTAIN D. A. LYLE, of the Ordnance Corps, who has been on duty with the United States Commission to the Paris Exposition, expects to remain abroad several months longer.

LIEUTENANT J. P. O'NEIL, 14th U. S. Infantry, who has been in charge of quartermaster and commissary matters at Fort Canby for some time past, has rejoined his company at Vancouver Barracks.

2d LIEUTENANT J. W. MARTIN, 18th Infantry, Fort Clark, Texas, has been ordered to Fort Hancock, Texas, on temporary duty, while Co. "H," 5th Infantry, commanded by Major Logan, goes into the field for three weeks.

MISS LIZZIE WARING, the charming daughter of Lieut. John K. Waring, 2d U. S. Infantry, gave a dance, Dec. 27, in honor of Miss M. Brown, daughter of Major Brown. About thirty couples from Omaha were present.—Omaha Bee.

It is to be regretted, says a Fort Clark item, that the health of Lieut. J. Harry Duval, 18th Infantry, is so poor that he is compelled to seek relief at Hot Springs, Ark. The lieutenant's many friends hope that he will rapidly regain his wonted health.

LIEUTENANT A. T. DEAN, 4th U. S. Cav., on leave until Feb. 4, is stopping at the Oriental Hotel, New York City, with his family. He has been visiting his father, Medical Director R. C. Dean, U. S. N., in Boston, and will go to Washington for a few days before returning to his post at Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.

LIEUTENANTS JOHN STAFFORD, 8th Infantry, R. L. Hirsch, 11th Inf., and E. B. Frick, Med. Dept., have recently been admitted to membership in the Army Mutual Aid Association. An application for membership of an officer of the Marine Corps was acted upon adversely at the last meeting, on the ground that none but officers of the Army are eligible.

CAPTAIN E. L. ZALINSKI, 5th Artillery, now in Europe, is exhibiting so much zeal, industry, and intelligence in the acquirement of military information as to arouse the envy of the permanent attachés of legations. He sent home by Captain Cochrane, specimens of two kinds of the new smokeless powders for the War Department, the first received here.

The Stock Growers' Journal of Miles City says: Capt. W. W. Daugherty, of Fort Keogh, has just purchased the ranch and range of Bestor Bros. and Leonard, of Rosebud, Custer county. Capt. Hooton, of Fort Keogh, who has a large herd of cattle in La Plata county, Colorado, is prepared with lots of feed and a good range to hold his cattle for a couple of years, confident that the market will have to go up.

The following Army officers registered at the War Department during the current week: Major Albert Tracy, retired; 2d Lieut. Wm. G. Elliott, 5th Inf.; Major D. F. Heap, Corps of Engineers; 2d Lieut. B. W. Dunn, 3d Art.; Capt. C. A. Stedman, 9th Cav.; Lieut.-Col. H. Clay Wood, A. Gen.; Col. Henry B. Carrington, retired; 1st Lieut. George A. Zinn, Engrs.; 2d Lieut. Edward Lloyd, 15th Inf.; Capt. Alex. Rodgers, 4th Cav.; 1st Lieut. John McClellan, 5th Cav., and 2d Lieut. Geo. B. Davis, 23d Inf.

The Fort D. A. Russell Eagle says: "A reception will be given by Mrs. Mizner and Mrs. Van Horne at the Post Hall, Jan. 2, to meet Mrs. Drulen and Mrs. Dashiell.... The Christmas Tree for the benefit of the children of the garrison was a marked success. The band afforded delightful music and after the presents were distributed dancing was enjoyed for a short time.... Miss Lizzie Mizner and her niece, Julia Poillon, visited the Post Hospital Christmas eve, and not only wished to all a Merry Christmas, but gave each patient a present."

The rejoicing that attends the birth of a man child into the world relieves somewhat the burden of 12 pounds which was added to the family of Lieut. G. O. Cress, 7th Cavalry, at 7:30 p. m., Dec. 28.

The following Army retirements are due this year: Paymr. Gen. W. B. Rochester, Feb. 15; Q. M. Gen. S. B. Holabird, June 16; Commissary Gen. Robt. Macfeely, July 1; Srg. Gen. John Moore, Aug. 16; Col. Wm. D. Whipple, Asst. Adjt. Gen., Aug. 2; Col. B. H. Grierson, 10th Cav., July 8; Col. Alfred L. Hough, 9th Inf., April 23; Post Chaplains J. A. M. La Tourrette, March 23; S. G. Dodd, March 24; David Wilson, March 30, and O. E. Herriock, April 25.

The Pioneer Press says: Lieut. Walshe, of the Signal Service, has returned to St. Paul from a month's tour of inspection. Lieut. Walshe found that a feeling existed throughout the territory he traversed in favor of the suggestion that the Signal Service be transferred from the Military to the Agricultural Department. Lieut. Walshe himself is inclined to the view that the service would be very much improved and more useful if turned over into civil hands.

GENERAL HENRY B. CARRINGTON, U. S. A., retired, special agent of the Interior Department to treat with the Flathead Indians, now occupying lands in the Bitter Root Valley, Mon., returned to Washington, December 23, after an absence of three months' labors. The successful termination of Gen. Carrington's mission ends an old dispute, the settlement of which was first attempted by Gen. Garfield in 1872, and again, two years ago, by Senator Vest and Maj. McGinnis of Helena.

We are pleased to learn that Secretary Proctor has reappointed Mr. David Fitzgerald to his old position of Librarian of the War Department, which he filled most acceptably for 10 years until superseded last February by Judge Endicott's private secretary. Mr. Fitzgerald has always been highly appreciated by the chiefs of bureaus and other officials of the War Department, his ready knowledge proving of great assistance to all who have access to the valuable library under his charge. We are pleased to see him reinstated in his old position.

GENERAL WAGER SWAYNE, U. S. A., has been a guest of the Bellevue for several days. He is another of the men who carry a head full of brains under their hats, and whose services are rewarded with incomes amounting to many thousands of dollars yearly. As chief counsel for the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Union Pacific Railroad General Swayne is always a busy man, and these are not the only interests in which he is very close to Jay Gould.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

LIEUTENANT CHAS. GOULD TREAT, 5th U. S. Art., A. D. C. to Major General Howard, was married Dec. 30 at the Madison Avenue M. E. Church, New York city, to Miss Margaret Louise Cornell, daughter of the late J. B. Cornell. It was a brilliant military wedding, and many prominent officers, including Major General Howard, General Whipple, Col. Curtis and Randolph, were present. The bride, unattended by bridesmaids, came in with her brother, J. M. Cornell. The bridegroom and his attendants were all in uniform. His best man was his brother, Harry W. Treat, of Chicago, and the ushers were Lieut. John Mills, Engineer Corps; Lieut. Lisle Tate, 1st Cav.; Lieut. Thomas Ridgway and Lieut. John Miley, 5th Art., and Lieut. John A. Beacom, 3d Inf. After the ceremony a breakfast was served at No. 29 East Thirty-seventh street, the home of the bride's brother, and then the happy couple left on a short tour, after which they will go to Governor's Island.

ASSISTANT ENGINEER C. C. WILLIS, U. S. N., has gone to Kerryville, Texas, for the benefit of his health.

LIEUTENANT N. R. USHER, U. S. N., has returned from Nicaragua, and is now at his home, Vincennes, Indiana.

ENSIGN R. P. SCHWERIN, U. S. N., has quarters for the present at No. 11 Mulberry St., Baltimore, Maryland.

REAR ADMIRAL D. AMMEN, U. S. N., registered at the New York Hotel, New York City, on New Year's Day.

COLONEL C. D. HEBB, U. S. M. C., called at the Navy Department last Saturday on his way north from Florida.

LIEUTENANT JOHN A. SHEARMAN, U. S. N., has been transferred from the *Nipsic* to the Naval Hospital at Mare Island for treatment.

PASSED ASSISTANT SURGEON H. B. SCOTT, U. S. N., has gone to El Paso, Texas, by the advice of his physician to recuperate his health.

PAYMASTER CASPAR SCHENCK, U. S. N., relieved Pay Director Edward May, U. S. N., in charge of the Navy Pay Office, Boston, on Dec. 31.

PASSED ASSISTANT PAYMASTER T. J. COWIE, U. S. Navy, has been spending the holidays with his father at his home on R St., in Washington.

CAPTAIN COCHRANE, U. S. M. C., passed through Chicago last Monday, en route to Southern California, by the Santa Fe line on private business.

COMMANDER A. S. BARKER, U. S. N., reported, Jan. 2, at the Navy Department, for duty as assistant to the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation.

1st LIEUTENANT S. W. QUACKENBUSH, U. S. M. C., is reported to be very much interested in orange blossoms. The wedding will take place at an early day.

LIEUTENANT N. E. MASON, Lieut. G. Blocklinger and Asst. Naval Constructor S. W. Armistead registered at the Navy Department during the present week.

PAYMASTER JAMES A. RING, U. S. N., who has spending some time at his home in Melrose, Mass., is visiting Syracuse, N. Y., and is residing at present at No. 1016 James St.

ADMIRAL SIR GEORGE S. NARES and Admiral A. Bowden-Smith, British delegates to the recent international Marine Conference, were to sail for England Jan. 4 in the *Etruria*.

It is understood that P. A. Engineer Asa M. Mat-
tice, U. S. N., will shortly resign his commission in
order to continue in his present lucrative position
as an engineering expert to a large mining company
of Boston.

The death of Commander W. S. Dana, U. S. N.,
promotes the following: Lieut.-Comdr. Joseph E.
Craig to command, Lieut. Henry B. Mansfield to
lieutenant commander, Lieut. (junior grade) James
T. Smith to lieutenant, and Ensign Wm. Burdick to
lieutenant (junior grade).

COMMODORE GEORGE BROWN, U. S. N., turned over
the command of the Navy Yard, Norfolk, on Dec.
31, to Captain C. S. Norton, and left for his home in
Indianapolis. He will reside at No. 103 Woodruff
Place until Jan. 20, when he starts for Mare Island,
to assume command of the Pacific Station.

LIEUT. GEORGE P. BLOW, U. S. N., who has been in
charge of the Hydrographic Office of the Maritime
Exchange, New York city, has been appointed on
the staff of Acting Rear Admiral Geo. Brown, in
command of the Pacific squadron. Lieut. Blow will
leave after New Year's to join the flagship *Charleston*
at San Francisco.

CAPTAIN DOUGLASS OTTINGER, the oldest living
officer of the U. S. Revenue Marine, and who has
for many years been retired from active service, is
recovering at the Continental Hotel from a slight
attack of illness. Capt. Ottinger had come in from
his Germantown residence and became suddenly
sick.—*Phila. Inquirer*.

DAVID A. JONES, paymaster's clerk at the bar-
racks of the Marine Corps, Washington, D. C., has
been missing since Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 25.
He sent by mail Christmas evening a letter to his
wife, at No. 761 7th st., S. W., telling her that when
she received it he would be dead. He had, before
going out Christmas morning, taken off his watch
and chain and breastpin and left them in his room.
He was last seen on Christmas afternoon moving to-
ward the Potomac. Mr. Jones, it is said, was until a
few years ago an enlisted marine, but his skill led
to his promotion, and he has long been a clerk in the
paymaster's office. An examination of the accounts of
Paymaster Goodloe, of the Marine Corps, up to July
1 last, it is stated, show overpayments amounting to
about \$2,500, which money is supposed to have been
appropriated by the missing pay clerk. The case
has been put in the hands of the police, and every
effort will be made to find Jones.

FIFTY-FIRST CONGRESS.—FIRST SESSION.

THOUGH none of the Service Committees have
been in session during the holiday recess, the sub-
committees of the Senate have been getting their
work into shape for prompt action. About one-
eighth of the bills thus far introduced into the Sen-
ate have gone to the Military Committee. Some
five hundred references, or one-sixth of the whole,
have gone to the House Military Committee. This
Committee will not organize until next Tuesday.
Mr. R. P. Bishop, of Ludington, Mich., in Chairman
Cutcheon's district, has been chosen clerk of the
Committee. He served during the late war, coming
out with an honorable record and an armless
sleeve. Thus he has a knowledge of Army matters
that will make him useful in more ways than one
to the Committee and to those who have business
with that body. Tuesday is to be the day for the
meeting of both Services Committees of the House.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

S. 1601, Mr. Teller. To pay Rear Admiral E. R.
Colbourn, U. S. N., (retired), \$567.12, as difference of pay be-
tween the pay of captain received by him while command-
ing Asiatic Station, Jan. 12 to May 12, 1874, and that of the
Rear Admiral whose duties he was performing.

S. 1613, Mr. Davis. Appropriating \$75,000 for
the improvement of the military reservation at Fort Snell-
ing, Minn.

H. R. 25, Mr. Tracy. To provide for the pur-
chase of 10,000 copies of the book "Regimental Losses of the
Civil War," written by Wm. F. Fox.

H. R. 28, Mr. Wheeler, of Alabama. That the
Subsistence Department of the Army shall consist of one
commissary-general of subsistence, brigadier-general;
three assistant commissaries-general of subsistence, col-
onels; six assistant commissaries-general of subsistence, col-
onels; eight commissaries of subsistence, captains of
cavalry; *Provided*, That the vacancies created by this act
shall be filled by the promotion by seniority of the officers
now in the Subsistence Department.

H. R. 225, Mr. Springer. That any officer on
the active list of the Army who has served 15 years in one
grade—service as 2d and 1st lieutenant being considered as
if rendered in one grade—shall, from and after the date on
which he has or does complete said 15 years' service, receive
the full pay of the next higher grade so long as he con-
tinues on the active list of the Army without promotion, or
shall, upon his own application to the President, after 20
years' service in one grade, be retired with the rank and re-
tired pay of said next higher grade, and the retirement of
such officer shall be in addition to those heretofore author-
ized by law; all laws or parts of laws in conflict with the
foregoing provisions being hereby so amended as to con-
form to the requirements of this act.

H. R. 226, Mr. Springer. To revive the grade
of lieutenant-general in the Army of the United States.

H. R. 227, Mr. Springer. That any officer on the
active list of the Army who served in the war of the re-
bellion as a general officer of volunteers, shall, upon his
own application to the President, be retired as a general
officer of the United States Army with the rank and retired
pay of the highest full grade he held as a general officer of
volunteers, and the retirement of such officer shall be in
addition to those heretofore authorized by law; all laws or
parts of laws in conflict with the foregoing provisions being
hereby so amended as to conform to the requirements of
this act.

H. R. 234, Mr. Conger. Authorizing the Secre-
tary of War to loan arms and accoutrements to colleges.

H. R. 306, Mr. Dolliver. For the relief of cer-
tain officers of the volunteer Army, and for other purposes.
(Same as S. 1253, p. 329.)

H. R. 390, Mr. Wilkinson. Appropriates \$1,000,000
for the establishment of a Navy-yard and dry-dock on the
Government reservation at Algiers, La.

H. R. 410, Mr. Milliken. To appoint a lieutenant-
colonel of cavalry in the Army, and as of the time of the
suspension of Charles J. Whitney, late lieutenant-colonel of
the 6th Regt. of cavalry, and assign him to the first vacancy
occurring in his grade in the cavalry arm of the Service
without back pay.

H. R. 421, Mr. Gibson. To provide for the con-
struction of the Maryland and Delaware Free Ship Canal as a
means of military and naval defence and for commercial
purposes.

H. R. 427, Mr. Compton. (Same S. as 1070,
p. 309.)

H. R. 428, Mr. Compton. To reorganize and
equalize the rank and pay of the personnel of the U. S.
Navy, and for other purposes. This is what is known as
the Gowie bill, published on page 248 of the JOURNAL of
Nov. 23.

H. R. 445, Mr. Rockwell. Appropriates \$211,-
632.54 for the erection of a shop at the National Armory,
Springfield, Mass.

H. R. 447, Mr. Rockwell. Appropriates \$20,000
for the erection of officers' quarters at the national armory,
Springfield, Mass.

H. R. 460, Mr. Allen. To make the fact of en-
listment and active service for 60 days immediately there-
after conclusive as to physical soundness at the time of en-
listment.

H. R. 474, Mr. Cutcheon. That all officers of
the Army now on the limited retired list who are more
than 64 years old, or who have served in the Army for more
than 40 years, and who would now be eligible to the unlimited
retired list be, and they are hereby transferred from the
limited to the unlimited retired list; and that the vacancies
in the limited retired list so created be filled to that extent
by such officers now awaiting retirement as have been found
eligible for active duty and recommended for retirement by
duly authorized retiring boards, in the order of the date of
the recommendation for their retirement.

Sec. 1. That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby
authorized to direct the examination of any officer of the
Army now on the active list, who in his opinion is
physically unfit for active duty, with a view of ascertain-
ing his eligibility for retirement, and if found eligible for
retirement, he may order the retirement of such officer
until the limit of 400 is reached, which shall continue
the limit of the retired list, upon examination as
heretofore.

H. R. 475, Mr. Cutcheon. To establish the office
of Assistant Secretary of War with a salary of \$5,000.

H. R. 478, Mr. Cutcheon. To authorize the Presi-
dent to confer brevet rank on officers of the Army for gal-
lant services in Indian campaigns.

H. R. 479, Mr. Cutcheon. Appropriates \$100,-
000 to establish a national military and naval museum in the
City of Washington.

H. R. 495, Mr. O'Donnell. To provide certifi-
cates of honorable service to those who have served in the
U. S. Navy or Marine Corps who have lost their certificates
of discharge.

H. R. 496, Mr. O'Donnell. To entitle any alien
honorably discharged from the Navy or Marine Corps to be-
come a citizen.

H. R. 521, Mr. Kinsey. Appropriates \$200,000 to
enable the Secretary of War to begin the reconstruction of
the regimental military post at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

H. R. 536, Mr. Dorsey. To provide for the dis-
posal of the Fort Sedgewick military reservation, in the
States of Colorado and Nebraska, to actual settlers under
the provisions of the homestead laws.

H. R. 566, Mr. McAdoo. That the law regu-
lating the pay and retirement of warrant officers in the
Navy shall be construed to apply to the 33 officers serving as
mates in the Navy.

H. R. 593, Mr. Farquhar. That an act entitled:
"An act to authorize a retired list for privates and non-
commissioned officers of the U. S. Army who have served
for thirty years and more," passed Feb. 14, 1883, be amended
so as to read as follows:

"When an enlisted man has served as such twenty-five
years in the U. S. Army or Marine Corps, either as a private
or as a non-commissioned officer, or both, he shall, by
making application to the President, be placed on the re-
tired list hereby created, with the rank held by him at the
date of retirement; and he shall thereafter receive 75 per
centum of the pay and allowances of the rank upon which
he was retired."

H. R. 594, Mr. Farquhar. For the re-issue of
the first five volumes of the Record of the War of the Re-
bellion.

H. R. 603, Mr. Cummings. To fix the status of
acting assistant surgeons of the U. S. Army, or contract
surgeons, who served in the war of the Rebellion. (Same
as S. 1096, p. 329.)

H. R. 608, Mr. Moffitt. Making an appropriation
for the construction of new buildings and the enlargement
of the military post at Plattsburg, N. Y.

H. R. 609, Mr. Moffitt. For the erection of a
monument on the site of Old Fort Ticonderoga, State of
New York, to the heroic Allen, with such inscriptions and
emblems as may properly commemorate the historical
events which occurred at that place during the War of the
Revolution.

H. R. 647, Mr. Henderson, N. C. To provide
for the erection of a monument to Major-General Nathaniel
Greene, on the battle-field of the battle of Guilford Court
House, N. C., fought March 15, 1781.

H. R. 673, Mr. Outhwaite. That Section 6 of
the act approved March 1, 1887, be amended so as to read as
follows:

"That the pay of privates of the Hospital Corps
shall be \$19 per month, with the increase on account of
length of service as is now or may hereafter be allowed by
law to other enlisted men. They shall be entitled to the
same allowance as a corporal of the arm of service with
which on duty."

H. R. 684, Mr. Butterworth (by request). That
when an enlisted man has served as such 25 years, contin-
uous or otherwise, in the United States Army, either as a
private or as a non-commissioned officer, or both, he shall,
by making application to the President, be placed upon the
retired list, with the rank held by him at the date of retire-
ment, and he shall thereafter receive 75 per centum of the
pay and allowances of the rank upon which he was retired;
Provided, That any enlisted man who shall become disabled
in the line of duty, and having completed 20 years' service,
shall, in like manner, be placed upon the retired list with 75
per centum of the pay and allowances of the rank held at
date of retirement.

Sec. 2. That on and after the passage of this act any en-
listed man who has served at least one year in the regular
or volunteer army during the civil war of 1861 to 1865,
either as an officer, non-commissioned officer or private,
and who shall have completed 20 years' service, continuous
or otherwise, shall, by making application to the President,
be placed upon the retired list for enlisted men, and shall
thereafter receive 75 per centum of the pay and allowances
of the rank held at date of such retirement.

H. R. 765, Mr. Osborne. To remove the charge
of desertion from the rolls and records in the office of the
Adjutant-General of the Army against soldiers who en-
listed in the Navy of the United States without having first
received a discharge.

H. R. 771, Mr. Harmer. To promote the effi-
ciency of the Army. That on and after July 1, 1890, the pay
of the non-commissioned officers of the line of the Army

shall be fixed as follows: Regimental sergeant-major, \$75
per month; regimental quartermaster-sergeant, \$60; chief
musician, \$100; principal musician, \$80; first sergeant, \$60;
sergeants, \$45; corporals, \$30, all with the service increase
as now provided by law; *Provided*, That on and after July
1, 1890, the terms of service for enlisted men shall be as
follows: The first enlistment shall be for a period of three
years, and every subsequent enlistment or re-enlistment
shall be for a period of five years.

H. R. 774, Mr. Craig. Appropriates \$10,000 to
preserve the grave of Major Gen. Arthur Saint Clair, and
erect a monument over the same.

H. R. 818, Mr. Richardson. Authorizing the
Quartermaster-General and Commissary-General to re-ex-
amine claims against the United States, and extending time
for filing such claims.

H. R. 887, Mr. Bowden. Authorizing the erection
of a hotel by J. C. Asbury upon the Government reserva-
tion at Fort Monroe.

H. R. 905, Mr. Browne, of Virginia (by request).
Appropriates \$250,000 for experiment with the Sprague
electrical system of motors, as applied to the steering, light-
ing, ventilation, pumping and hoisting of naval vessels of
the United States and the handling and management of
marine ordnance and ammunition, and generally to testing
the efficiency of electrical power as applied to marine
architecture.

H. R. 916, Mr. Wise. To annually cause pro-
posals to furnish the Army with tobacco for the next year
to be invited in New York, Baltimore, St. Louis, Chicago,
Louisville, Richmond, Petersburg, Lynchburg, Danville
and Winston.

H. R. 943, Mr. Thomas. That the Secretary of
War be, and he is hereby, authorized to correct the muster-
rolls of the volunteer forces in the late war, so that the
muster of each officer and enlisted man therein shall cover
the date from which he was regularly commissioned or en-
rolled, and actually performed the duties to which he was
commissioned or enrolled.

H. R. 945, Mr. Thomas. To extend the time for
filing claims for horses and equipments lost by officers and
enlisted men in the service of the United States two years.

H. R. 946, Mr. Thomas. Directing the payment
of bounties to veteran volunteers who were promoted after
re-enlistment.

H. R. 980, Mr. Caine. Granting a portion of the
military reservation of Fort Douglas, near Salt Lake City,
Territory of Utah, for cemetery purposes.

H. Res. 5, Mr. Vandever. Authorizing and di-
recting the Secretary of War to appoint a commission of U.
S. engineer officers to make a careful examination of the
port and harbor of Wilmington, Cal., and the outer harbor
of San Pedro, in regard to present needs and future com-
mercial development and wants of commerce at said points.

H. Res. 6, Mr. Morrow. Authorizing the Secre-
tary of the Navy to make surveys in the Pacific Ocean to
determine the existence and position of dangers in the tracks
of commerce and navigation, and for the purpose of ascer-
taining the proper location for submarine telegraph cables.

H. Res. 12, Mr. Cogswell. Grants permission
to the town of Marblehead, to improve and beautify Fort
Sewall, and its appurtenant lands and grounds.

H. R. 1346, Mr. Chipman. To appoint and com-
mission Thomas J. Spencer, late captain, U. S. A., brevet
major and brevet lieutenant-colonel.

H. R. 2100, Mr. Lehlbach. To appoint Thomas
P. O'Reilly to the grade he would have attained in the 23d
Inf. had he continued in the Army, and to assign him to
the first vacancy in that grade, or retire him, at the discre-
tion of the President.

H. R. 2140, Mr. Maish. To appoint Jacob E.
Noll a lieutenant-commander in the Navy from Aug. 2,
1879, and to retire him with that rank.

H. R. 2143. Appropriates \$3,788.87, to re-im-
burse Lieut.-Col. M. P. Small, for money stolen from him in
1879-80.

H. R. 2398, Mr. Oates (by request.) To appoint
Edward Byrne a captain of cavalry with his original rank
and date of commission and assign him to the first vacancy
in that grade in the cavalry arm.

H. R. 2399. To issue to Captain H. H. Hum-
phreys, 15th Infantry, a new commission as captain, from
Oct. 1, 1871, and give him lineal rank accordingly.

H. R. 2403. Appropriates \$3725.60 to liquidate
a deficiency in the accounts of Paymaster W. M. Maynadler,
caused by the dishonesty of his clerk in 1876.

H. R. 2451. To appoint and retire Elmer A.
Snow as 2d lieutenant of cavalry.

H. R. 2569. To appoint and retire John F. Lewis
as 1st lieutenant.

H. R. 2849, Mr. Spinola. To appoint and retire
John C. Fremont, with the rank of major general.

H. R. 2850. To appoint Surg. Wm. Martin sur-
geon, not in the line of promotion but otherwise entitled to
rank and pay.

FORT WOOD, BEDLOW'S ISLAND.

We are told that on Dec. 28 a steer jumped into the water
and headed for Bedlow's Island (so be the status, we pre-
sume). Several of the soldiers of Co. B, 11th Artillery (sic),
watched the approach of the steer with sympathetic in-
terest. This kindly feeling gave way to a sensation of alarm
when the animal, having landed, dashed wildly about,
several of the soldiers tried to secure the steer, but they
were tossed aside by the infuriated animal. The Texan then
varied the programme from a Wild West entertainment to a
swimming exhibition. Plunging into the water, he headed
directly for Ellis Island, where large quantities of dynamite
are stored. One of the soldiers took a boat and started in
pursuit. The animal dodged the boat, and turning around
swam back to Bedlow's Island, where it resumed violent
operations. And now appeared upon the scene gallant
Private Christian Scripture, armed with a hastily-improvised
lasso. Relying upon the righteousness of his name and the
cunning of his right arm, Scripture sprang forward. The
animal dodged the noose several times, but was at last
caught by it. After a great deal of difficulty and danger
Co. B succeeded in mooring the steer to a stout tree. Then
all was peace, and joy, and love.

A DECREE has been issued creating a supreme na-
val council for France, which is to be consulted by
the Minister of Marine on all questions affecting the
construction and utilization of men-of-war. It is to
be convened at least twice a year, as near as possi-
ble after the evolutions and inspections of the Medi-
terranean squadron. The "Conseil d'Amirauté,"
created in 1715, is still to exist, but the new body is
expected to secure greater activity. It consists of
three vice-admirals, two Maritime Prefects, the In-
specteur of Naval Artillery and Engineering, and the
Minister of Marine, with the head of his staff.

ELIPHALET KIMBALL, a veteran of the Texan
Army of Independence, died at Hartford, Conn.,
Jan. 1, in the 90th year of his age.

THE ARMY.

BENJAMIN HARRISON, President and Commander-in-Chief.

REDFIELD PROCTOR, Secretary of War.

G. O. 85, H. Q. A., Nov. 16, 1889.

I. By direction of the Secretary of War requisitions for table ware, kitchen utensils, etc., (par. 277 of the Regulations), will be made by post quartermasters, and the articles will be invoiced by them to company commanders, who will account for them on their returns of clothing and equipment, except at posts where there are general mess-halls, in which cases the officers in charge thereof will receipt and account for the property. The allowance to be supplied will be as follows:

List of table-ware and kitchen-utensils.

| | Allowance for company of infantry or artillery | Allowance for company of cavalry or light battery | Allowance for company of mounted infantry or light battery | Allowance for company of engineers or sappers |
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| Dinner plates and soup plates..... | 48 | 72 | 24 | 8 |
| Meat plates..... | 48 | 72 | 24 | 8 |
| Cups and saucers..... | 48 | 72 | 24 | 8 |
| Dippers and soup-ladles..... | 6 | 6 | 3 | 3 |
| Skimmers, meat-choppers, meat-saws and graters..... | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Tumblers..... | 48 | 72 | 24 | 8 |
| Water-pitchers..... | 6 | 6 | 3 | 3 |
| Vegetable dishes..... | 24 | 36 | 12 | 4 |
| Dish-pans..... | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Basting spoons..... | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Tea-spoons, table-spoons, table-forks and table-knives..... | 48 | 72 | 24 | 8 |
| Bread-knives, butcher-knives and chopping-bowls..... | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Salt-cellars..... | 12 | 12 | 4 | 1 |
| Pepper-boxes and syrup-pitchers..... | 12 | 12 | 4 | 1 |
| Coffee-mills..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Scales and weights..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Bowls..... | 48 | 72 | 24 | 8 |
| Pickie-dishes..... | 8 | 8 | 4 | 1 |
| Frying-pans..... | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Meat-forks..... | 6 | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| Carving sets..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Cleavers..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Sugar-bowls, gravy-boats, mustard-pots and mustard-spoons..... | 12 | 12 | 4 | 1 |
| Flour-sieves..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Can-openers..... | 6 | 6 | 3 | 1 |

The above instructions will supersede those on the same subject contained in General Orders No. 51, current series, from this office.

II. By direction of the Secretary of War paragraph 1150 of the Regulations is amended to read as follows:

1150. When mattresses are not supplied for prisoners in the guardhouse and enlisted men in the field, there will be allowed to each man a bed-sack, with 30 pounds of straw per month for bedding, and to men in hospital such quantity as the surgeon shall certify to be necessary.

By command of Maj.-Gen. Schofield:

J. C. KELTON, Adjutant-General.

G. O. 90, H. Q. A., Dec. 20, 1889.

Amends par. 684 of the Regulations in regard to drawing money from depositaries, making payments by check, etc.

G. O. 91, H. Q. A., Dec. 28, 1889.

The following instructions regarding the enlistment of members of the Hospital Corps are, by direction of the Secretary of War, published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

The standard for vision laid down in Greenleaf's Epitome may be departed from in the enlistment of members of the Hospital Corps, and applicants may be accepted who are subject to refractive errors, viz., myopia, hypermetropia, presbyopia, and astigmatism, provided these errors are not excessive, may be entirely corrected by glasses, and are not progressive or accompanied by ocular disease.

By command of Maj.-Gen. Schofield:

J. C. KELTON, Adjutant-General.

STAFF CORPS AND DEPARTMENTS.

Adjutant and Inspector Generals.

Leave for two months, to take effect about Feb. 1, is granted Major Peter D. Vroom, I. G. (S. O., Dec. 27, H. Q. A.)

Quartermasters and Subsistence Departments.

Post Q. M. Sergt. Richard Barthelme, Fort Bowie, will proceed to San Diego Bks. to relieve Post Q. M. Sergt. Chas. Yeager, who will proceed to Fort Bowie for duty (S. O., Dec. 26, H. Q. A.)

Permission to delay 15 days in joining his station, Fort Totten, is granted Post Q. M. Sergt. James Hackett, Fort Laramie (S. O., Dec. 27, H. Q. A.)

Leave for one month, with permission to apply for an extension of one month, is granted Capt. Chas. P. Eagan, C. S. (S. O. 89, Dec. 20, D. Tex.)

So much of S. O. 280 as assigns Capt. Henry B. Osgood, C. S., to duty at Jefferson Bks. is revoked, and he will take station temporarily at St. Louis (S. O., Dec. 27, H. Q. A.)

Pay Department.

Payments will be made, to include Dec. 31, as follows: Lieut.-Col. Wm. R. Gibson, D. P. M. G., at San Antonio; Major James R. Roche, paymr., at Fort Bliss, Hancock and Davis and Camp Pena Colorado; Major Wm. Arthur, paymr., at Fort McIntosh, Ringgold and Brown; Major De Witt C. Poole, paymr., at Fort Clark, Camp Del Rio, and Camps at Eagle Pass and Langtry (S. O. 89, Dec. 20, D. Tex.)

Leave for one month, with permission to apply for an extension of one month, is granted Major Geo. W. Candee, paymr., Helena (S. O. 146, Dec. 21, D. Dak.)

The troops will be paid, to include muster of Dec. 31, as follows: At the Leavenworth Military Prison and at the Ordnance Depot at Fort Leavenworth, by Col. W. A. Rucker, A. P. M. G.; at Saint Louis, Fort Gibson and Sill, I. T., and Hot Springs and Springs and Little Rock, Ark., by Major C. I. Wilson, paymr. At Fort Logan, Col.; Fort Elliott, Tex.; Fort Sill, I. T., and Forts Lewis and Crawford, Col., by Major D. N. Bash, paymr. (S. O. 188, Dec. 23, Dept. M.)

Col. W. A. Rucker is relieved from duty as a member of the G. C.-M. convened by Par. 1, S. O. 182, and Col. Chas. Page, Med. Dept., is detailed in his stead (S. O. 190, Dec. 27, Dept. M.)

Major Wm. F. Tucker, paymr., will proceed to

Fort Myer, Washington Bks., Fort McHenry and Fort Monroe to pay the troops to Dec. 31 (S. O., Dec. 28, H. Q. A.)

Medical Department.

1st Lieut. Paul Clendenin, asst. surg., is relieved from further duty at Fort McIntosh and will proceed to Camp at Eagle Pass for duty (S. O. 89, Dec. 20, D. Tex.)

A. A. Surg. Joseph R. Harmer, Camp at Eagle Pass, will return to Camp Del Rio (S. O. 89, Dec. 20, D. Tex.)

Leave for one month, to take effect not later than Jan. 1, with permission to apply for an extension to include Feb. 27, is granted Major Calvin De Witt, surg., Fort Missoula (S. O. 146, Dec. 21, D. Dak.)

To enable him to comply with par. 2, S. O. 201, c. s., H. Q. A., Lieut.-Col. Chas. T. Alexander, surg., is relieved from duty as medical director of the department (G. O. 21, Dec. 23, D. Columbia.)

The leave granted Capt. Edgar A. Means, asst. surg., is extended two months (S. O., Dec. 30, H. Q. A.)

S. O. 180, Dept. M., transferring 1st Lieut. Nathan S. Jarvis, asst. surg., from Fort Lewis to Camp Wade, at Kingfisher, I. T., is confirmed (S. O., Dec. 30, H. Q. A.)

The leave granted 1st Lieut. Julian M. Cabell, asst. surg., is extended one month (S. O., Dec. 31, H. Q. A.)

Lieut.-Col. Charles T. Alexander, surg., having reported, will enter upon the duties devolved upon him, viz.: "of preparing for, and becoming familiar with, the duties of attending surgeon, New York City" (S. O. 1, Jan. 2, Div. A.)

Act. Hosp. Steward Joseph Dykstra is relieved from duty at Camp Pena Colorado, and will report at Fort Ringgold for duty (S. O. 90, Dec. 23, D. Tex.)

Hosp. Steward Thomas Hills, Fort Washakie, will proceed to Fort Riley for duty (S. O., Dec. 30, H. Q. A.)

Engineers and Ordnance Departments.

The leave of seven days granted 1st Lieut. Eugene J. Spencer, C. E., is extended seven days (S. O. 86, Dec. 26, C. E.)

Capt. Theodore A. Bingham, C. E., will transfer to Lieut.-Col. Chas. R. Suter, C. E., the public funds and property for which he is responsible, and will then be relieved from his present duties (S. O. 87, Dec. 27, C. E.)

The leave on account of sickness granted 1st Lieut. James C. Sanford, C. E., is extended two months on account of sickness (S. O., Dec. 27, H. Q. A.)

Leave for one month, to take effect about Jan. 7, is granted 1st Lieut. Wm. E. Craighill, C. E. (S. O. 88, Dec. 28, C. E.)

The extension of leave granted 1st Lieut. Eugene J. Spencer, C. E., is further extended ten days (S. O. 89, Dec. 31, C. E.)

1st Lieut. Frank E. Hobbs, O. D., will proceed to Thurlow, Pa., on public business (S. O., Dec. 26, H. Q. A.)

1st Lieut. Frank E. Hobbs, O. D., will proceed to Thurlow, Pa., on public business and on completion thereof will return to his station, via Washington, D. C. (S. O., Dec. 28, H. Q. A.)

Signal Corps.

The following changes in stations are ordered: Pvt. Eugene Southwick, from Philadelphia to Chicago; Pvt. Rudolph Peters, from Chicago to Leavenworth; Corpl. Ferdinand J. Walz, from Leavenworth to Davenport; Sergt. John Fitzgerald, from Davenport to Atlanta; Sergt. Malcolm H. Perry, from Atlanta to Palestine; Pvt. George D. Boucher, from Sioux City to Cheyenne; Pvt. Ulysses G. Pursell, from Cheyenne to Sioux City (S. O. 147, 1889, Sig. Office.)

Sergt. Benjamin A. Blundon is relieved from duty at Nantucket, Mass., and assigned to temporary duty in Washington (S. O. 148, 1889, Sig. Office.)

Asst. Prof. Henry A. Hazen will proceed to St. Vincent, Minn., and carry out special instructions (S. O. 149, Dec. 30, Sig. Office.)

THE LINE.

The Stations of Companies not mentioned here will be found by reference to last number of the JOURNAL.

1st Cavalry, Colonel James S. Brislin.

Hdqs., B. D. E. G., and H. Ft. Custer, Mont.; A and J, Ft. Maginnis, Mont.; I, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; C, F, and H, Ft. Assiniboine, Mont.; K, Camp Sheridan, Wyo.

3rd Cavalry, Colonel Albert G. Brackett.

Hdqs., F and M, Ft. Clark, Tex.; B, C, G, and L, San Antonio, Tex.; D, Ft. Ringgold, Tex.; H, Ft. McIntosh, Tex.; I and K, Ft. Brown, Tex.; A, Camp at Eagle Pass, Tex.; E, Camp Pena Colorado, Tex.

A furlough for six months, with permission to go beyond the limits of the U. S., is granted 1st Sergt. Harry Trebus, Troop M. (S. O. 136, Dec. 30, Div. M.)

4th Cavalry, Colonel Chas. E. Compton.

Hdqs., E and G, Ft. Lowell, Ariz.; A, F, I, and M, Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.; C and H, Ft. Bowie, Ariz.; D, Ft. McDowell, Ariz.; B, Ft. Myer, Va.; K, Ft. Verde, Ariz.; L, San Carlos, Ariz.

The leave granted 1st Lieut. Alexander T. Dean is extended one month (S. O., Dec. 28, H. Q. A.)

5th Cavalry, Colonel James F. Wade.

Hdqs., B, C, G, and K, Ft. Reno, Ind. T.; E and H, Ft. Elliott, Tex.; D and L, Ft. Sill, Ind. T.; A, F, and I, Ft. Supply, Ind. T.; M, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

1st Lieut. Robert London, R. Q. M., Fort Reno, will repair to Fort Leavenworth on public business (S. O. 187, Dec. 21, Dept. M.)

Capt. W. C. Forbush will proceed to Jefferson Barracks and report to conduct recruits, and then return to Fort Sill, I. T. (S. O. 188, Dec. 23, Dept. M.)

6th Cavalry, Colonel Eugene A. Carr.

Hdqs., A, C, E, H, I, and K, Ft. Wingate, N. M.; E and M, Ft. Lewis, Colo.; D and L, Ft. Stanton, N. M.; B, Ft. Myer, Va.; G, Ft. Union, N. M.

The leave on Surgeon's certificate granted 2d Lieut. Lewis M. Koehler is extended six months on Surgeon's certificate (S. O., Dec. 31, H. Q. A.)

9th Cavalry, Colonel Joseph G. Tilford.

Hdqs., B, F, I, and K, Ft. Robinson, Neb.; A and G, Ft. Niobrara, Neb.; D and H, Ft. McKinney, Wyo.; E, Ft. Washakie, Wyo.; C and M, Ft. Du Chene, Utah (Post-office address via Ouray, Utah); L, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

Sergt. Bailey Green, Troop L, Army and Navy Hospital, Hot Springs, having recovered, will be

sent to his troop at Fort Leavenworth (S. O., Dec. 27, H. Q. A.)

Corpl. W. R. Thomas, Troop F, for while on guard engaging in play with a private and drawing a pistol on, and menacing him, has been reduced, fined \$120, and relegated to confinement at hard labor for 12 months. Severe, but just.

10th Cavalry, Colonel Benjamin H. Grierson.

Hdqs., A, B, E, and H, Ft. Apache, A. T.; K, Ft. Thomas A. T.; I, San Carlos, A. T.; D, L, and M, Ft. Bayard, N. M.; C, F, and G, Ft. Grant, A. T.

1st Lieut. C. H. Grierson, A. A. D. C., will proceed on public business to Fort Grant and Santa Fe (S. O. 130, Dec. 19, D. Ariz.)

2nd Artillery, Colonel John Mendenhall.

Hdqs., C, G, and H, Ft. Adams, R. I.; L, Ft. Trumbull, Conn.; E, Ft. Preble, Me.; B and D, Ft. Warren, Mass.; A, Ft. Riley, Kas.; F, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; I, Ft. Monroe, Va.; K and M, Ft. Wadsworth, N. Y.

* Light battery.

3rd Artillery, Colonel Horatio G. Gibson.

Hdqs., A, C, E, H, K, and L, Washington Bks., D. C.; D, G, and I, Ft. McHenry, Md.; B and M, Ft. Monroe, Va.; F, San Antonio, Tex.

* Light battery.

Leave for two months is granted 1st Lieut. C. W. Harrold, Fort McHenry (S. O. 208, Dec. 30, Div. A.)

4th Artillery, Colonel Henry W. Closson.

Hdqs., C, D, K, and L, Ft. McPherson, Ga.; H, Ft. Adams, R. I.; F, Ft. Riley, Kas.; H, Ft. Monroe, Va.; J, Jackson Bks., La.; A and M, Ft. Barracas, Fla.; E and G, St. Francis Barracks, Fla.

* Light battery.

Major Jacob B. Rawles will inspect a quantity of unserviceable public property at Fort McPherson (S. O. 1, Jan. 2, Div. A.)

The leave for fifteen days granted 1st Lieut. Charles L. Corbell, Fort Monroe, Va., is extended one day (S. O. 1, Jan. 2, Div. A.)

5th Artillery, Colonel Alex. Piper.

Hdqs., E, F, I, and H, Ft. Hamilton, N. Y.; A, C, and L, Ft. Columbus, N. Y.; G, Ft. Monroe, Va.; B, Ft. Wadsworth, N. Y.; D, Ft. Douglas, Utah; K and M, Ft. Schuyler, N. Y.

* Light battery.

Leave for fifteen days is granted 1st Lieut. John McClellan, Fort Columbus (S. O. 297, Dec. 28, Div. A.)

1st Infantry, Colonel William R. Shafter.

Hdqs., E, F, G, and H, Angel Island, Cal.; A, D, and K, Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.; C and I, Benicia Bks., Cal.; B, Ft. Gaston, Cal.

Leave for two months, to take effect about Dec. 31, is granted 2d Lieut. Robert H. Noble, with permission to apply for an extension of two months (S. O. 87, Dec. 23, Div. P.)

1st Lieut. Thomas H. Barry, having reported, will proceed to David's Island and report to conduct to Angel Island recruits for the 1st Inf. (S. O. 260, Dec. 24, Rec. Ser.)

Leave for six months on Surgeon's certificate is granted Capt. Daniel F. Callinan (S. O., Dec. 27, H. Q. A.)

2nd Infantry, Colonel Frank Wheaton.

Hdqs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, and K, Ft. Omaha, Neb.

The leave granted Capt. Henry Catley is extended two months (S. O., Dec. 23, H. Q. A.)

3rd Infantry, Colonel Edwin C. Mason.

Hdqs., A, D, E, G, H, and K, Ft. Snelling, Minn.; B, C, F, and I, Ft. Meade, S. D.

Chief Musician William Griffin, Fort Snelling, will be discharged the Service (S. O., Dec. 27, H. Q. A.)

5th Infantry, Colonel Nathan W. Osborne.

Hdqs., B, and E, Ft. Bliss, Tex.; I and K, Ft. Davis, Tex.; C and F, Ft. McIntosh, Tex.; A and G, Ft. Ringgold, Tex.; D, Ft. Brown, Tex.; H, Ft. Hancock, Tex.

A furlough for six months, with permission to go beyond the limits of the U. S., is granted 1st Sergt. Joseph Haggitt, Co. I (S. O. 136, Dec. 30, Div. M.)

6th Infantry, Colonel Alex. McD. McCook.

Hdqs., G, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; A, B, and E, Ft. Lewis, Colo.; C and D, Ft. Riley, Kas.; F and K, Ft. Sheridan, Ill.; I, Newport Barracks, Ky.; H, Ft. Gibson, Ind. T.

The journey performed by 2d Lieut. W. P. Burnham, from Fort Lewis, Colo., to Fort Riley, Kas., on public business, is confirmed (S. O. 189, Dec. 23, Dept. M.)

The U. S. O. Fort Riley will grant a furlough for three months to Sergt. Alexander Wyley, Co. D (S. O. 188, Dec. 23, Dept. M.)

7th Infantry, Colonel Henry C. Merriam.

Hdqs., B, D, F, and G, Ft. Logan, Colo.; C and E, Ft. Laramie, Wyo.; A and H, Camp Pilot Butte, Wyo.; I, Ft. Washakie, Wyo.; K, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

Leave for one month is granted Col. H. C. Merriam (S. O. 188, Dec. 23, Dept. M.)

Leave for twenty-five days is granted 1st Lieut. L. D. Greene, R. Q. M. (S. O. 188, Dec. 23, Dept. M.)

8th Infantry, Colonel August V. Kautz.

Hdqs., A, B, E, F, G, and H, Ft. Niobrara, Neb.; C, D, I, and K, Ft. Robinson, Neb.

Leave for one month is granted 2d Lieut. Frederick V. Krug, Fort Niobrara, with permission to apply for an extension of one month (S. O. 121, Dec. 23, D. Platte.)

Capt. William S. Worth, having reported, will proceed to Columbus Barracks and report to conduct to Fort Omaha recruits for the 2d Inf. (S. O. 259, Dec. 23, Rec. Ser.)

10th Infantry, Colonel Henry Douglass.

Hdqs., D, and I, Ft. Marcy, N. M.; C and H, Ft. Union, N. M.; A and E, Ft. Crawford, Colo.; B, Ft. Stanton, N. M.; F, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; G and K, Oklahoma, I. T.

1st Lieut. Bogardus Eldridge will conduct recruits from Fort Leavenworth to Fort Riley, and upon completion of the duty will proceed to his station at Fort Crawford (S. O. 186, Dec. 18, Dept. M.)

Capt. C. L. Davis will proceed to Cooperstown, N. Y., and report to the Supt. Recruiting Service to conduct recruits to Arizona (S. O. 130, Dec. 19, D. Ariz.)

Capt. D. F. Stiles, Camp at Oklahoma City, I. T., will repair to Fort Leavenworth on public business (S. O. 189, Dec. 23, Dept. M.)

11th Infantry, Colonel Richard I. Dodge.

Hdqs., A, D, G, H, and I, Madison Bks., N. Y.; E and K, Ft. Niagara, N. Y.; B, Fort Wood, N. Y.; C, Ft. Ontario, N. Y.; F, Ft. Schuyler, N. Y.

The leave for seven days granted 2d Lieut. Harry R. Lee, Madison Barracks, is extended seven days (S. O. 299, Dec. 31, Div. A.)

13th Infantry, Colonel Montgomery Bryant.
Hdqs. H. F. Supply, Ind. T.; I. Ft. Elliott, Tex.; C. Ft. Reno, Ind. T.; F. Ft. Riley, Kas.; A. Ft. Sill, Ind. T.; K. Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; D and E, Little Rock Bks. Ark.; B, Camp at Guthrie, I. T.; G, Camp Wade, near Lisbon, I. T.

1st Lieut. G. R. Cecil, Adj., having completed the duty for which he was ordered to Fort Leavenworth, will return to Fort Supply, I. T. (S. O. 186, Dec. 18, Dept. M.)

14th Infantry, Colonel Thomas M. Anderson.
Hdqs. B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and K, Vancouver Bks., Wash.; A, Ft. Townsend, Wash.; I, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

2d Lieut. F. F. Eastman will proceed to Salem, Ore., and receive an insane soldier and conduct him to Vancouver Bks. (S. O. 154, Dec. 14, D. Columbia.)

2d Lieut. J. P. O'Neill is relieved from duty at Fort Canby and will join his company at Vancouver Bks. (S. O. 154, Dec. 19, D. Columbia.)

15th Infantry, Colonel Robert E. A. Crofton.
Hdqs. B, F, G, and K, Ft. Buford, N. D.; A, C, D, and H, Ft. Randall, S. D.; E and I, Ft. Pembina, N. D.

The leave on Surgeon's certificate granted 1st Lieut. George F. Cooke is extended four months on Surgeon's certificate (S. O., Dec. 31, H. Q. A.)

18th Infantry, Colonel Henry M. Lazelle.
Hdqs. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, and K, Ft. Clark, Tex.

Col. Henry M. Lazelle will proceed to Camp Del Rio on public business (S. O. 89, Dec. 20, D. Tex.)

1st Lieut. Charles L. Steele, now on leave in New York City, will report to the Supt. Recruiting Service, New York City, for assignment to duty at Davis Island (S. O., Dec. 30, H. Q. A.)

19th Infantry, Colonel Charles H. Smith.
Hdqs. A, E, G, H, I, and K, San Antonio, Tex.; B and F, Mt. Vernon Barracks, Ala.; C, Ft. Barrancas, Fla.; D, Jackson Barracks, La.

The telegraphic instructions to the C. O. Mount Vernon Barracks to send 2d Lieut. John M. Cunningham, in charge of the post surgeon, to Washington, D. C., with a view to his admission to the Government Hospital for the Insane, are confirmed (S. O. 207, Dec. 23, Div. A.)

20th Infantry, Colonel Elwell S. Otis.
Hdqs. B, C, D, E, G, H, and K, Ft. Assiniboine, Mont.; A, Ft. Maginnis, Mont.; F and I, Camp Poplar River, Mont.

21st Infantry, Colonel Henry A. Morrow.
Hdqs. A, C, E, G, and I, Ft. Sidney, Neb.; D, F, and H, Ft. Bridger, Wyo.; B, Ft. Douglas, Utah; K, Ft. McKinney, Wyo.

Capt. Frederick H. E. Ebsstein will proceed from Fort Monroe to Fort Riley in connection with the establishment of two canteens at that post (S. O., Dec. 23, H. Q. A.)

22nd Infantry, Colonel Peter T. Swaine.
Hdqs. A, B, C, D, E, F, H, and K, Ft. Keogh, Mont.; E and G, Ft. Totten, N. D.; I, Ft. A. Lincoln, N. D.

24th Infantry, Colonel Zenas R. Bliss.
Hdqs. A, D, and F, Ft. Bayard, N. M.; C, E, H, and K, Ft. Grant, Ariz.; B and G, San Carlos, Ariz.; I, Ft. Thomas, Ariz.

25th Infantry, Colonel George L. Andrews.
Hdqs. G, H, I, and K, Ft. Missoula, Mont.; B, C, E, and F, Ft. Shaw, Mont.; A and D, Ft. Connor, Mont.

(For Late Army Orders see page 374.)

Appointments, etc., of Commissioned Officers and Retired Enlisted Men, U. S. A., recorded in the A.-G. O. during the week ending Dec. 28, 1889.

CASUALTY.

Captain Phillip L. Lee, 10th Cavalry, died December 25, 1889, at St. Louis, Missouri.

NOTE.—No list was issued for the week ending December 21, 1889.

Military Academy.

The resignation of Cadet Fred E. Mann, 4th Class, is accepted (S. O., Dec. 27, H. Q. A.)

The resignation of Cadet Secor Q. Cole, 4th Class, is accepted (S. O., Dec. 31, H. Q. A.)

Courts-martial.

The following courts have been ordered:

At Fort McDowell, A. T., Jan. 2. Detail: Capt. Jesse M. Lee, 9th Inf.; Capt. Charles A. P. Hatfield, 4th Cav.; Capt. Marlborough C. Wyeth, Asst. Surg.; 2d Lieut. Clough Overton, 4th Cav.; 2d Lieut. William A. Campbell, 9th Inf.; and 1st Lieut. John A. Baldwin, 9th Inf. (S. O. 129, Dec. 18, Div. A.)

At Fort Ringgold, Tex., Jan. 2. Detail: Major Edward C. Woodruff, 5th Inf.; Capt. George A. Drew, 3d Cav.; Capt. William Fitzhugh Carter, Asst. Surg.; Capt. Henry Romeyn, 5th Inf.; 1st Lieut. Thomas B. Dugan and John W. Heard and 2d Lieut. Jesse McFarland, 3d Cav., and 1st Lieut. George W. Borden, 5th Inf. (S. O. 89, Dec. 20, D. Tex.)

At Fort Leavenworth, Kas., Dec. 28. Detail: Major Jacob Kline, 24th Inf.; Capt. J. M. J. Sanno, 7th Inf.; 1st Lieut. A. L. Wagner, 6th Inf.; 1st Lieut. W. A. Shunk, 8th Cav.; 1st Lieut. R. H. Wilson, 8th Inf.; 1st Lieut. J. A. Irons, 20th Inf.; 2d Lieut. J. B. Ale-bire, 1st Cav.; and 2d Lieut. C. B. Baker, 7th Inf. (S. O. 189, Dec. 28, Dept. M.)

At Fort Crawford, Colo., Dec. 31. Detail: Capt. F. E. Lacey and S. H. Lincoln, 10th Inf.; Capt. J. L. Phillips, Med. Det.; 1st Lieut. I. W. Little and 2d Lieut. J. M. Sigworth and F. E. Lacey, Jr., 10th Inf., and 1st Lieut. Bogardus Eldridge, 10th Inf. (S. O. 160, Dec. 27, Dept. M.)

At Fort Mackinac, Mich., Jan. 3. Detail: Capt. Louis B. Stillé and William C. Manning, 23d Inf.; 1st Lieut. Charles H. Heyl, 23d Inf.; Asst. Surg. H. E. McVay, and 2d Lieut. James E. Normoyle, 23d Inf., and 2d Lieut. Benjamin C. Morse, 23d Inf. (S. O. 290, Dec. 27, Div. A.)

At Fort Porter, N. Y., Dec. 31. Detail: Major Samuel Ovenshine, Capt. Thomas M. K. Smith and Otis W. Pollock, 23d Inf.; Capt. Edwin F. Gardner, Asst. Surg.; 1st Lieut. S. Allen Dyer and Edwin P. Pendleton and 2d Lieut. James K. Thompson, 23d Inf., and 2d Lieut. Clarence R. Edwards, 23d Inf. (S. O. 297, Dec. 23, Div. A.)

At Fort Wayne, Mich., Dec. 31. Detail: Col. Henry M. Black and Capt. Richard I. Eskridge, 23d Inf.; Capt. Harry O. Perley, Asst. Surg.; 1st Lieut. Orlando L. Wieting and Edwin B. Bolton, Adj., 2d Lieut. William H. Allaire and Charles B. Hagadorn, 23d Inf., and 2d Lieut. Daniel B. Devore, 23d Inf. (S. O. 297, Dec. 23, Div. A.)

At Davis Island, N. Y., Jan. 6. Detail: Capt. Morris C. Foote, 9th Inf.; 1st Lieut. Alexander McC. Guard, 19th Inf.; 1st Lieut. William C. McFarland, 18th Inf.; 1st Lieut. William C. Butler, 3d Inf.; 1st Lieut. Charles J. T. Clarke, 10th Inf.; 2d Lieut. James T. Anderson, 10th Inf., and 1st Lieut. George T. T. Patterson, 14th Inf. (S. O., Dec. 30, H. Q. A.)

At Fort Preble, Me., Jan. 6. Detail: Capt. William McK. Dunn, 3d Art.; Capt. William B. Davis, Asst. Surg.; Capt. George Mitchell, 1st Lieut. Sebree Smith and Edwin S. Curtis and 2d Lieut. Ernest Hinds, 2d Art., and 1st Lieut. Eli D. Hoyte, 2d Art. (S. O., Jan. 2, Div. A.)

Resignation on Promotion.—The resignations of the commissions in the line only have been ac-

cepted, to take effect Dec. 16, 1889: Major Arthur MacArthur, Jr., A. A. G., of his commission as captain, 13th Inf. Captain John McE. Hyde, A. Q. M., of his commission as 1st Lieut., 8th Inf. Capt. Geo. S. Hoyt, A. Q. M., of his commission as 1st Lieut., 18th Inf.; Capt. Henry B. Osgood, U. S., of his commission as 1st Lieut., 3d Art. (S. O., Dec. 27, H. Q. A.)

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

Dept. of Missouri.—Brig. Gen. Wesley Merritt.

A SPECIAL from Oklahoma City of Dec. 28th says: "The people experienced a feeling of relief when they awoke this morning and saw encamped on this side of the Oklahoma Hills two troops of U. S. cavalry. Even with the presence of the troops it is impossible for the people to disguise their feeling of insecurity. The election of next Monday is anticipated with apprehension, although the troops will doubtless prevent any serious rioting."

Dept. of Dakota.—Brig. Gen. T. H. Ruger.

News from Fort Sully alleges trouble with the Indians, who are dissatisfied with the treaty opening the reservations; also that they have killed several settlers near the fort.

CANTEENS ESTABLISHED THUS FAR.

The War Department, to ascertain what posts had taken advantage of the general order authorizing the establishment of canteens, recently telegraphed to all Department commanders asking for the information. The replies thus far received show that the new project has taken firm hold, and is constantly gaining.

The complete returns show the existence of the following canteens:

Dept. of the East.—Madison Barracks, Fort Wadsworth and Plattsburg Barracks.

Dept. of Columbia.—Vancouver Barracks, Boise Barracks and Fort Townsend.

Dept. of Texas.—Forts Bliss, Hancock, Davis and Clark.

Dept. of Platte.—All posts, except Ft. Du Chesne, where one is to be established.

Dept. of Dakota.—Forts Abraham Lincoln, Assiniboine, Buford, Custer, Keogh, Maginnis, Meade, Randall, Snelling, Sully, States Camp, Poplar River and Sheridan.

Dept. of the Missouri.—Forts Sill, Lewis, Leavenworth, Supply, Logan, Crawford and Elliott.

Dept. of Arizona.—Forts Huachuca, Grant, McDowell, Mojave, Selden, Verde and Whipple Bks.

In the opinion of General Merritt and Grierson, canteens are necessary as a means to discipline at all posts. General Gibbon thinks they should be established at every post where the garrison is at least a company. General Stanley thinks more are required in his Department.

From Forts Maginnis and Vancouver Barracks, as well as from other posts, come reports showing the successful working of the new system.

MORE LIGHT NEEDED.

A BOARD of officers which recently met at Fort Sidney, Neb., consisting of Lieut. Col. J. S. Poland, Capt. J. W. Duncan, 1st Lieut. C. A. Williams and 1st Lieut. J. S. Parke, 21st Inf., Recorder, to report upon the system now adopted for lighting company quarters, and whether the same furnishes the light required for reading and other purposes, arrived at the following conclusion: That the present system is behind the era of practical illumination and is uselessly exorbitant in cost. In plain words, the Government is expending an unnecessarily large amount of money in its endeavors to obtain the present imperfect illumination of the public buildings at posts. The authorities took a step in the right direction when they substituted the present light for candles; and while pursuing the policy of making the soldier's home and life attractive and comfortable to the more desirable class of recruits, it is suggested that the subject be reopened and manifest improvements made.

ST. FRANCIS BARRACKS, FLA.

The Times Union says: Christmas was celebrated at St. Francis Barracks by the boys in blue with a dinner, in a manner fitting to the occasion. The dining-rooms of Batteries G and E, 4th U. S. Art., were pictures of neatness. The menu of Capt. Wm. Ennis' Battery G consisted of roast turkey and cranberry sauce, celery, mashed potatoes, green corn, tomatoes, puddings, dessert, mince and apple pies, bananas, oranges and coffee, etc.

Capt. Wm. F. Stewart's battery E enjoyed substantially the same menu.

The condition of the hospital and its adjuncts, under the care of Surgeon Passmore Middleton, is perfect.

Gen. Richard H. Jackson, commanding, a veteran of three wars, is a disciplinarian who administers with kindness. The condition of the post is such as to reflect credit on the commanding officer and the personnel. Adjutant Harry R. Anderson is also range officer and teacher of schools. Lieut. Clarence Deems, the quartermaster and commissary, has worked hard to perfect his department. Lieut. John E. McMahon is the only lieutenant on duty with his battery, consequently the captains are heavily taxed.

The non-commissioned staff are all capable soldiers. The quarters of the enlisted men are cleanly kept and are occupied by as fine a body of soldiers as any army can boast. Many of the officers have their families with them, and they all celebrated with Christmas trees and social gatherings.

ASSAULT UPON A POST TRADER.

As Mr. Benj. S. Paddock, the post trader at Fort Robinson, Neb., entered his place of business, Dec. 25, 1889, a number of his employees cared him (about \$50 worth). The weapon was a fine snake wood affair, gold mounted, and with a plate bearing the names of the guilty parties, viz: Lewis N. Freeman, M. G. Eastman, L. F. Green, Frank D. Mooney, Jesse L. Burnett, Ralph H. Russell, D. W. Hamaker and Chas. E. Winslow. No arrests have been made up to date.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

WEST POINT, N. Y.

DECEMBER 31, 1889.

DECEMBER 25, 1889, will long be remembered as the warmest Christmas Day ever known at this post by its present residents.

The past week has presented a round of gaiety. The officers' hop was given on the evening after Christmas in Schofield Hall. Lieut. Biddle was hop manager.

The tree for "the children of soldiers and civilians living on the post, between the ages of two and fourteen," took place Dec. 27 in the gymnasium building. An excellent programme was carried out before a large and thoroughly appreciative audience. Two hundred and ninety odd presents were distributed. Lieut. Brooks' magic lantern exhibited was heartily applauded.

On Saturday evening a cadet concert took place in the library, the idea of a cadet hop having been abandoned. The concert programme followed. Professor Michie gave an illustrated lecture this morning in the Philosophical Department.

The cadet hop this evening was smaller than the usual New Year's Eve hop. It began at 8.45, and lasted until midnight. Among the young ladies dancing were—Miss Young, Miss Reynolds, Miss Sharp, Miss Susie King, Miss Wilson, Miss Edgerston, Miss Hawkins, Miss Todd, Miss M. Crane, Miss Michie, Miss Metcalfe, Miss McGinnis, Miss Ward, Miss McCrea, Miss Clark, Miss Berard, Miss St. George, Miss Loring, and many others.

New Year calls will be received to-morrow by several of the ladies. As has been the custom for some years past, a number of ladies will receive at one house, thus diminishing the number of calls and adding to the social enjoyment of the day.

The influenza has visited us, and proved a most unwelcome guest just at this season. A number of the officers and cadets are still suffering with the disease.

Dr. and Mrs. Knedler have left the post for brief visits. Miss McCrea is a guest of Mrs. Hunter; Miss Todd is visiting Mrs. Williams; Miss Susie King, of New York, is visiting Mrs. Barden; Miss Leggett, of New York, has been a recent guest of Miss Newlands. Lieut. Benson, 5th Inf., and Dr. and Mrs. Smith have been among visitors within the past fortnight.

Lieut. and Mrs. Crane will occupy the set of quarters above those now occupied by Lieut. Flynn on their arrival.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

FORT MCKINNEY, WYOMING.

Dec. 31, the flag staff, to replace the one blown down, being in position the ceremony of hoisting the flag was gone through in grand shape. As soon as the flag reached the top a salute of 21 guns was fired.

Carpenter De Groot, an old ship builder and expert in mast making, and Lieut. McCaskey, our efficient and active quartermaster, are due credit for our staff.

We have no trouble here about interpreting the instruction of 11 o'clock taps. From retreat till that hour every man, except the guard and 10 men in each company, is free to go to any place without asking any one. After 11 a pass is required. Any one absent after 11, without authority, on his return goes in the guard house, and this place, under the present system, is not a bed of roses, and over each cell, like Dante's Inferno, is mentally inscribed, "He who enters here leaves all hope behind." But few enter, as with the privileges granted, and the canteen, the guard house is vacant.

Christmas has passed, and the weather so far perfect. With the exception of two gales of great force—one of which blew down fence a part of the roof of bake house, and broke panes of glass—all has been tranquil, probably getting a good ready for a cold snap. The soldiers' dinners were most elaborate, and the men are to be congratulated upon being so well cared for.

Gen. Morrow's ordering a board to investigate and report upon the present method of "non-illumination" of barracks, under the present defective system, it is hoped may lead to a much needed reform. His board has certainly thrown light on a very dark subject. The idea—one burner to 10 men, irrespective of size of barracks, and thus the poor lamps and unnecessary cost to the United States, some \$5,000 a year over better lights, would, or would be supposed, lead to a reform, from motives of economy, if not from a desire to better the surroundings of the enlisted man.

Maj. Henry, commanding Fort McKinney, in a recent circular, calls attention to G. O. 33, A. G. O., July 6, 1889, by which the pay of a soldier may be withheld for a stated period, and express the belief that if sentences imposed by courts-martial conform to this wise suggestion, the soldier would have something to work for by good conduct; to thus secure his retained pay, all of which can be forfeited on his discharge, if his conduct has not been satisfactory. Discipline, says Maj. Henry, will be better preserved by this method, and the permanent loss of pay may be not only a punishment to the man, but to innocent parties dependent upon it.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

FORT KEOGH, MONTANA.

Our winter concerts are now in full blast. The weather is perfect, not very cold. Skating is largely indulged in by officers and soldiers. Lieut. Casey is at work preparing a skating rink, which we hope will soon be ready.

The order prohibiting soldier help for officers causes great dissatisfaction, as citizen labor is hard to procure. AWOE.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

FORT CLARK, TEXAS.

THE handsomest social gathering so far this season, was the reception given by the officers and ladies of the 18th Infantry, to their new colonel and his wife, Colonel and Mrs. Lazelle. The reception committee consisted of Colonel and Mrs. Brady, Captain and Mrs. McLaughlin, Captain and Mrs. Potter, Captain and Mrs. Baldwin, and Captain and Mrs. Hinton.

Formal invitations were issued to meet Colonel and Mrs. Lazelle in the post hall, at 8 P. M., on Dec. 18, with dances. The hall was handsomely decorated with laurel, flags, rifles, bayonets, sabres and guidons.

At the appointed hour the guest began to assemble, until all the officers and ladies of the post were present. The 18th Infantry orchestra furnished fine dance music and the time was beguiled until 11 P. M., with dancing. The supper was served in the adjoining room, and this, if possible, surpassed in completeness the other features of the entertainment. Dancing was continued until 1:30 A. M., when the party broke up.

Colonel and Mrs. Lazelle, by their kindly greeting to the guests showed their appreciation of the compliment.

Courting is becoming quite popular here now. There are a number of good bachelors in the post and when they get well started after a rabbit, his minutes are numbered.

A number of young ladies follow the hounds and are generally in at the death. The fine weather of late has given the men good opportunity for their ball games. There are two very good rival nines, one from the north side of the garrison and the other from the east side; each nine represents six companies. The games are well attended by the officers and men.

Colonel and Mrs. Brackett recently gave a dinner party for Lieut. and Mrs. Barnum, 3d Cavalry. Mrs. Barnum is the latest bride at the post.

FORT LEAVENWORTH.

THE Kansas City Times says:

Preparations for the dedication services are completed and will prove an interesting event in the Catholic Church history of the diocese. General McCook, who has done so much for the people of the post of Catholic belief in aiding to bring about this happy result, a matter that at one time

proved a very serious problem, threatening the loss of the old church building without sufficient remuneration, is to be presented with a beautiful sword as a token of the respect and esteem in which he is held by the parishioners for his kind offices. He has, on other occasions, shown that he is ever ready to stand by the right and that he is broad enough in his views to respect the religious opinions of the people no matter what their creed.

Captain C. S. Haley, 1st Cavalry, at present on a furlough enjoying a trip around the world, sends from Japan, some photographs of himself, seated on an elephant, taken at Argra, India, alongside of "the most beautiful building in the world, called the Taj Mahal."

Lieutenant Moody, 2nd Infantry, remembered the families of a number of enlisted men on Christmas day.

On Christmas morning the prisoners in the U. S. Military Prison enjoyed an inspiring musical treat. The occasion was the usual Christmas high mass, but what was unusual about it was the wonderful charm of the music.

Gen. Innis Palmer, retired, father-in-law of Lieut. Swift, is here visiting.

The General Court trying Lieut. Roach met Dec. 27, had a short session and then adjourned till next Monday, Col. Gillpatrick is now the attorney of Lieut. Roach, instead of Tom Fenlon.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

The Express says:

The canteen established by Co. H, 19th Infantry, is doing an excellent business. It occupies pleasant rooms, and everything in comestibles demanded by the soldiers is dispensed to them at reasonable prices.

The bachelors will give their german about Jan. 10.

A brother of Lieut. Ludlow is down from Denver on a holiday visit.

Lieut. Wilder and wife are spending a week at Fort Clark, guests of Mrs. Wilder's parents.

Lieut. Liscum, who has been away on two months' sick leave, is again at his post.

NATIONAL ARMY—WHAT IT MIGHT BE.

A SIMPLE SOLUTION OF THE ARMY PROBLEM.

In Two Papers—II.

The plan proposed in my previous article is for the National Army for any and all purposes capable of including under trained officers the number of troops in more than 1,000 regiments of the War of the Rebellion.

The proposed strength is 20,640 privates of the line. If it were desired to increase the Army to sixty-five thousand, or less, this could be done without the addition of anything but privates of the line and the major for each third battalion, as the addition would mean, as it should, simply an increase in the length of the line of battle. For an increase greater than this, up to nearly 200,000 men, another phase of the plan should be called into being, of which each officer of the peace Army is advanced one grade. From the better qualified non-commissioned officers are made subalterns, and from the better qualified privates are made non-commissioned officers. Each company becomes three companies, each battalion a regiment, each regiment a brigade, etc. A still larger army could be formed from this enlarged force, or from the peace Army, by making of each company a regiment, and thus throughout any enlarged force should be dispersed the special military training in which the nation had invested its money.

There should be no appointments to the permanent establishment during a period of temporary expansion, and thus ordinary casualties would leave a sufficient number of vacancies in each grade of the permanent Army to offer as a reward to those who had really distinguished themselves, and whom the President might desire thus to recognize. Either of the enlarged forces would leave a number of vacancies in the several grades to be filled by the appointment of civilians by the President. While the expandable skeleton machinery must ever be maintained, the National Guard of the States, with more than 100,000 men and more than 8,000 officers, will furnish no inconsiderable part of the material with which this skeleton may be expanded to meet any probable emergency. Civilian appointments to commissions should only be made on the recommendation of a board of officers convened for that purpose, and for military reasons only. As during peace promotions should be by seniority, so during war promotions should largely be made for merit displayed, and brevets should only be conferred upon those who had rendered signal service in the field.

During times of peace no commissions should be given in the staff departments (save of medical officers and chaplains), except from the line of the Army, and no commissions in the line except to those who had received a military education, i. e., only to graduates of the Military Academy, to certain young officers of the National Guard, and to meritorious and capable non-commissioned officers of the Army.

Each member of Congress should be allowed to name each year one officer of the National Guard, not exceeding 25 years of age, from the whole number of whom should be selected 25 competitors for 10 appointments as 2d lieutenants. To a local board at the station of a non-commissioned officer properly recommended might be sent from the War Department questions and scope of examination. These examination papers should be returned to the War Department and there graded. Then from the best of the applicants, as thus determined, should be selected twice as many as the prospective number of vacancies for this class. There should be, say in connection with the School of Application at Leavenworth, a preparatory school for the N. G. officers and approved non-com. officers, and at the conclusion of each annual course of about six months there should be selected for appointments to commissions 10 of the N. G. officers and enough candidates from the non-com. officers for the remaining vacancies and for those which would probably occur prior to the next annual course. This would obviate the necessity of the present second class at Leavenworth, and we should be spared the humiliating spectacle of officers found deficient in the schoolboy studies of this class.

First enlistments should be for a period of five years, and only of young men of from 20 to 25 years. No married man should be allowed to enlist or reenlist, and no enlisted man should be allowed to marry. The purchase of his discharge by any enlisted man should be allowed, under such regulations as may be prepared by the War Department, because conditions may and do arise which make it almost an unnecessary hardship to hold the enlisted man to the full term for which he enlisted. He should

then be allowed to terminate the contract of enlistment on reimbursing the Government for the expense incurred. No private soldier should be reenlisted; non-commissioned officers, however, should be allowed to re-enlist from time to time for periods of not more than two years, but only by the commanding officer of the organization in which they had served.

Then, indeed, would the nation receive a proper return for the money invested in military training and the Army would become an American one. The young man whose first years of manhood were spent in the wholesome discipline of the Service would be the better for it. To these the brief service would be a partial school, where more than the great value of discipline is taught, and from which they would graduate into and become the leaven of the National Guard, where they would find enough to awaken their memories of army life, and where they would profit by the experience gained in the cadet corps of the nation's vanguard, experience which would make of them better citizens in any walk of life, and it would not be necessary to brand or tattoo them to facilitate their recognition after desertion. It might also be managed very easily that each company should, once in three years, proceed to their Congressional districts to take part in the annual encampment of the N. G. and thus foster the closer relations which should exist between the National Army and this greater body, its reserve.

Any officer who was actually engaged as officer or enlisted man in the service of the United States during the War of the Rebellion, should now, 25 years later, be allowed to retire if he should elect to do so, and all retirements, except for disability incurred in the line of duty, should be on a separate retired list, when a disability retired list of 400 would be sufficient to replace the large number of officers, now reported as non-effective, by effective men, and maintain the Army in a high state of efficiency. The last Army Register shows that there were 333 officers retired for various disabilities, and that 164 of these were captains. Of the 430 line captains, 370 saw service during the War of the Rebellion, and the same Register shows 97 lieutenants having credit for similar service, eight of these being in one regiment. Truly this is a withholding of responsibility until the incumbent has become too old to assume it. General officers should be retired compulsorily at 64 years of age, field officers at 62, captains at 60, and subalterns at 50. But the services of the officers of the retired list are still available for a period of war as an auxiliary staff when the active list is not sufficient, and thus their services are not lost to the Republic.

No enlisted man should be detailed on any duty which will take him from his company except by the authority, at least, of his regimental commander, and when this officer is also the commander of the post at which the man is serving, then by that of the Department Commander, and when so detailed he should be excused from all armed duty. If the duties of both soldier and laborer are attempted, neither can be well done.

Officers as well as enlisted men should serve with the colors, and no officer should be detached from his legitimate duties except by direct order of the President, and then for purely military purposes, and any officer absent from his proper command, except when sick, under the cumulative leave system, or by order of the President, should suffer a reduction of at least one-half of his pay. This measure would do very much toward restoring a proper spirit in the line; and fewer officers, by far, would find their highest pleasure in detached service, and some of the carpet knights of Eastern society would become really efficient officers.

A physical and professional examination should precede every promotion, at least to the grade of field officer, and this professional examination should not be postponed until the eve of promotion, but be held at the pleasure of the Government after three years' service in any grade. This for the reason that if promotion is to be denied any officer, he should know of it while still of an age which would allow him to make a career for himself in civil life, and all line officers who have been actually engaged under fire in the service of the United States should be exempt from examination for the promotion next after such exposure. But it would be cruelty to subject officers of more than 20 years (as officers) to an examination. Such should be field officers, or they should never be—and the last years of a man who has given 20 of his best years to his country should not be embittered by such humiliation.

Subalterns of the line should be required to serve at least six years with the colors, before being detached from them for any duty, and they should be promoted as are the captains, in the arm, and not regimentally.

Appointments from the line to the staff should be open to competition for the officers of the grade designated.

Changes of station of enlisted men of the line, below the grade of sergeant, should not be made as changes of station simply. The officers and sergeants should be changed as often as once in three years, leaving the number and letter of their organization behind them, to the incoming officers and sergeants.

Officers absent from the colors for more than six months should lose their right to their stations or commands, and on their return to the colors should be reassigned.

As the companies should be local in their origin, the regiment should be national, and no two companies from any one State should be in the same battalion. There can be no doubt that we should abolish the color line, and no longer have purely colored regiments in our Army.

Other countries have generally given full recognition to measures for securing efficiency in their armies, and though we rallied to the support of the flag years ago, those who must next time do this should have the assistance of a more efficient force about which to rally. Heretofore it has been frequently urged that the staff alone had the ear of Congress, and that the bone and sinew of the Army, who were bearing the heat and burden of the day, were too far away to be heard. This plan gives each company of infantry (the backbone of the Army), its own representation in Congress. Will the business men of the country consider this question, and let their voices be heard through their representatives. AN OFFICER SERVING ON THE FRONTIER.

THE NAVY.

BENJAMIN F. TRACY, Secretary of the Navy.

NAVAL VESSELS IN COMMISSION.

WHEN AND WHERE LAST HEARD FROM.

N. Atl. Station.—R. Adm. Bancroft Gherardi.

GALENA, 3d rate, 8 guns, Comdr. George W. Sumner. Cruising in the West Indies. At St. Nicholas Mole, Hayti, Dec. 21. Intended to proceed to Port-au-Prince, and thence to San Domingo, and then return to Port-au-Prince. Address care of Navy-yard, New York.

KEARSARGE, 3d rate, 7 guns, Comdr. H. Elmer. Cruising in West Indies. At St. Nicholas Mole Dec. 21. Same address as Galena.

YANTIC, 3d rate, 4 guns, Comdr. Charles H. Rockwell. Arrived at San Domingo Dec. 25. The address of the Yantic at present and until further notice will be Curacao, West Indies.

DOLPHIN, 3d rate, 4 guns. Comdr. Charles O'Neil. Cruising in West Indies. Arrived at St. Nicholas Mole Dec. 15.

A correspondent of the JOURNAL, writing from Port-au-Prince, Hayti, Dec. 19, says: The Dolphin arrived off Cape Haytian on the morning of Dec. 15, and there met the Galena and Kearsarge under way for Port-au-Prince. The Admiral sent her to St. Nicolas to telegraph her arrival to the Navy Department. Here she found Lieut. Norris with a portion of the longitude party, the remainder of the party being at Porto Plata, and the Yantic on the coast of Cuba surveying. On the other vessels passing, the Dolphin rejoined them, and all proceeded together to Port-au-Prince, where they arrived the next morning at 5 o'clock. The Admiral made the usual calls on his arrival. On the 17th the U. S. Minister returned his call, and was received with the usual honors. On the 18th the Admiral and officers with the U. S. Minister were given an official reception at the Executive mansion by the President of Hayti. Speeches were made and toasts drank in honor of the occasion. On the 19th the President, his cabinet Ministers, staff and body guard (the latter in gorgeous uniform) visited Admiral Gherardi aboard the flagship. The U. S. Minister and Mrs. Douglas, with the two daughters of the President, were also present. Yards were manned, salutes fired, and all the honors prescribed for such an occasion were given. All passed off pleasantly, and President Hippolyte seemed very much pleased at the honors shown him. His manner was easy, quiet and dignified, and from appearances one would judge that the Republic of Hayti is to be congratulated on its ruler. The same evening the Kearsarge sailed for Gonaves for target practice, to be absent about ten days. It is expected that the longitude party will sail for San Domingo in the Yantic about Dec. 20 inst.

S. Atlantic Station.—Act. Rear Adm. J. H. Gills.

Mails should be addressed to the care of the U. S. Consul, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, or care of B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar Square, London, unless otherwise noted.

RICHMOND, 2d rate, (flagship), 14 guns, Capt. Allen V. Reed. Sailed from Bahia, Brazil, Jan. 2 for Montevideo, as per cable.

TALLAPOOSA, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. James M. Forsyth. At Montevideo last accounts.

European Station.—Commander B. H. McCulla in charge.

Mails should be addressed to care B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar Square, London, England, unless otherwise noted.

ENTERPRISE, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. B. H. McCulla. At Gibraltar last accounts, en route to Antwerp.

Pacific Station.—Rear Adm. L. A. Kimberly.

Address all mail (unless otherwise noted) for the present to Navy Pay Office, San Francisco Cal.

Commander George Brown has been ordered to command on Jan. 25, with rank of Acting Rear Admiral while commanding station.

ADAMS, 3d rate, 6 guns, Lieutenant-Commander J. J. Hunker (in temporary command). At Apia, Samoa. When relieved by Iroquois will proceed to Honolulu.

IROQUOIS, 3d rate, 7 guns, Comdr. Joshua Bishop. En route to Gilbert and Marshall Islands, and thence to Apia, Samoa, to relieve the Adams.

ALERT, 3d rate, 4 guns, f. s., Comdr. J. G. Green. At Navy-yard, Mare Island, Cal. Her officers will be relieved at an early date.

MOHICAN, 3d rate, 10 guns, temporary flagship, Commander J. B. Coghlan. At Honolulu.

MONONGAHELA, sails, 2 guns, Store Ship. Commander G. E. Wingate. At Navy-yard, Mare Island.

NIRAO, 3d rate, 6 guns, Lieut. Comdr. H. W. Lyon. At Honolulu.

PINTA, 4th rate, 4 howitzers. Lieut.-Comdr. O. W. Fahrenholt. At Sitka, Alaska.

Asiatic Station.—Rear Admiral G. E. Belknap. Mails should be addressed, Yokohama, Japan, unless otherwise noted.

MARION, 3d rate, 8 guns, Comdr. N. M. Dyer. At Chemulpo, Korea.

MONOCACY, 3d rate 6 guns. Comdr. M. L. Johnson. Intended to sail from Yokohama about Dec. 12 for Shanghai and Chinkiang, and ports on the Yangtze River.

OMAHA, 3d rate, (flagship), 12 guns, Captain F. V. McNair. Sailed from Nagasaki Nov. 16 and arrived at Yokohama Dec. 1.

PALOS, 4th rate, 7 howitzers. Lieut. Comdr. J. E. Craig. At Nagasaki for repairs to machinery, which are expected to be completed early in January.

SWATARA, 3d rate, 8 guns, Comdr. J. McGowan. Sailed from Hong Kong, China, Nov. 23, for Nagasaki, Japan.

Apprentice Training Squadron.

JAMESTOWN, 12 guns. Comdr. B. P. Lamberton. Sailed from Newport Dec. 10 for a cruise to the West Indies. Will return to Hampton Roads, Va., by April 10 next.

Mails for this vessel leaving New York as late as

Jan. 15 should be addressed care of U. S. Consul, St. Thomas, West Indies, and after that date to Port Royal, S. C.

PORTSMOUTH, 12 guns, Comdr. John Schouler. At Navy-yard, New York. Expected to sail for a cruise in the West Indies this week, or about Jan. 9. Address mail as follows—in each case care of U. S. Consul: Until Jan. 25; to Bridgeton, W. I.; from Jan. 26 to March 1, Port Spain, Trinidad, W. I.; March 2 to March 23, Island of St. Thomas; after latter date Hampton Road, Va.

MINNESOTA, 19 guns, Capt. G. C. Wiltse. Receiving ship for boys. Foot of W. 27th Street, North River. Entrance from W. 20th Street. P. O. address, Station K, New York.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 8 howitzers, Receiving Ship for boys. Comdr. F. J. Higginson. Coaster's Island, Harbor, Newport, R. I.

Squadron of Evolution—Acting Rear Admiral John G. Walker.

Address of squadron is care of B. F. Stevens, No. 4 Trafalgar Square, London, England.

CHICAGO, flagship, 1st rate, 14 guns, Capt. H. B. Robeson. Arrived at Tangier Jan. 2, as per cable.

ATLANTA, 2d rate, 8 guns, Capt. John A. Howell. Arrived at Tangier Jan. 2, as per cable.

BOSTON, 2d rate, 8 guns, Captain J. O'Kane. Arrived at Tangier Jan. 2, as per cable.

YORKTOWN, 3d rate, 6 guns. Commander F. E. Chadwick. Arrived at Tangier Jan. 2, as per cable.

On Special Service

AND AWAITING ASSIGNMENT.

CHARLESTON, 2d rate, 8 guns, Capt. G. C. Remy. At Navy-yard, Mare Island, Cal.

DESPATCH, 4th rate, Lieut. Wm. S. Cowles. At Washington, D. C.

FORTUNE, tug, Lieut. Comdr. A. J. Iverson. Vessel engaged in carrying freight between the several navy-yards. Present address Navy-yard, Washington, D. C.

MICHIGAN, 4th rate, 6 guns, (2 howitzers and 2 galleys). Commander Geo. H. Wadleigh. At Erie, Pa.

PETREL, 4th rate, 4 guns, Lieut.-Comdr. W. H. Brownson. At Navy-yard, Norfolk, Va., last accounts.

PENSACOLA, 2d rate, 16 guns, Captain Arthur R. Yates. Arrived at St. Paul de Loanda Dec. 7. Address care of B. F. Stevens, No. 4 Trafalgar square, London, England.

RANGER, 3d rate, 1 gun, Lt.-Comdr. G. O. Reiter. Surveying on the coast of Lower California. Address care Navy Pay Office, San Francisco, Cal.

SARATOGA, Comdr. F. M. Green, nautical school ship of Pennsylvania. At Philadelphia. Address 16 North Delaware avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

St. MARY'S, sails, 8 guns, Comdr. A. S. Crowninshield. N. Y. Public Marine School. At New York.

THETIS, 3d rate, 2 machine guns, Lieut. Comdr. Charles H. Stockton. At Navy-yard, Mare Island, Cal. The vessel will probably remain at the yard about two months, to be overhauled. Her officers will be relieved at an early date.

Mail address Navy yard, Mare Island, Cal.

Receiving Ships, Iron-Clads, Etc.

DALE, Commander Yates Stirling. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Washington, D. C.

FRANKLIN, 30 guns, Capt. A. P. Cooke. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Norfolk, Va.

INDEPENDENCE, 7 howitzers. Capt. J. W. Philip. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Mare Island, Cal.

PHLOX, Naval Academy tug. Mate B. G. Perry in command. Annapolis, Md.

St. LOUIS, sails, Capt. Wm. Whitehead. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, League Island, Pa.

VERMONT, 1 gun. Capt. L. A. Beardslee. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, New York.

WABASH, 20 guns, Captain C. C. Carpenter. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Boston, Mass.

The armor-clad *Ajazz*, *Catakill*, *Canonicus*, *Lehigh*, *Manhattan*, and *Wyandotte*, in command of Comdr. Felix McCurley, are laid up near Richmond, Va. P. O. address, Richmond, Va.

Naval Vessels Fitting Out to go into Commission.

Baltimore, Capt. W. S. Schley—At Cramp's shipyard, Philadelphia, Pa. Will go in commission Jan. 7, and sail a few days later for the Navy-yard, Norfolk, Va., to complete final preparations for sea service.

Alliance—At Navy-yard, Norfolk, Va. Will be put in commission about Jan. 15. Commander H. C. Taylor has been ordered to command her, and other officers are ordered to her this week.

VARIOUS NAVAL ITEMS.

The duty of furnishing ship libraries will hereafter devolve upon the Bureau of Equipment and Recruiting, instead of the Bureau of Navigation. A general order authorizing the transfer has been signed by the Secretary of the Navy, to go into effect Jan. 1, 1890.

The majority of the crew intended for the *Baltimore* will be transferred from the New York Navy-yard to Philadelphia Jan. 8, and join her at Cramp's ship yard. She will carry 50 marines, a part of whom will be supplied from Brooklyn Barracks and the rest from Norfolk, where she will proceed to be fitted for sea. The *Charleston* will also carry 50 marines, who will be commanded by Capt. Wm. S. Muse, U. S. M. C., now at Mare Island, Cal.

The deliberations of the Naval Tactical Board, Rear Admiral Green president, on the subject of naval signaling, has resulted in the adoption of the American Morse code now in use in the Army in lieu of the English Morse system at present used in the Navy. A general order announcing the change will be promulgated from the Navy Department early in the present month. The desirability of having a uniform system of signaling for the two Services was not the least among the many reasons which induced the Board to adopt the Army system.

It is expected that the opening and inauguration of the monster timber dry dock which has been building at the Brooklyn Navy-yard since October, 1887, will take place in February or March of 1890.

There is some difficulty, it is said, about equipping the *Charleston*, which is now at Mare Island, Cal., with her full complement of men. There are not enough men by about one hundred on the Pacific coast to give the ship her full allowance, and it will probably be necessary to send part of the crew overland by rail, but this is a very expensive undertaking.

It is a lengthy decision in connection with a circular which it was contemplated issuing from the Navy Department, directing that all returns of public property of the Marine Corps be transferred for settlement to the Fourth Auditor of the Navy Department, the Second Comptroller holds that it is no part of the auditor's duty to examine such accounts, but that they should be settled in the Navy Department in the same manner as other property accounts for the Army are settled. The comptroller approves the revised system of accountability for clothing, arms, etc., recently adopted by the Navy Department, except so much of the instructions as require that all property returns shall be sent to the Fourth Auditor for settlement.

The Ordnance Department of the Navy will shortly issue advertisements asking bids for supplying eight 10 inch gun lathes for the naval ordnance foundry in the Washington Navy-yard. The new machinery and the increased experience of the workmen and ordnance officers have resulted in a great saving to the Government, and the last lot of ten 6-inch breech-loading rifles just finished, cost \$18,000 less than the lot of ten finished before. It is estimated that when all the new machinery is in place guns can be turned out 33 per cent. cheaper than before. The capacity of the yard has increased so that no more outside contracts will have to be made, as guns can now be turned out faster than the ships can be completed ready to receive them. One of the causes of delay in the first guns was the trouble in getting the carriages made in time, but with the improved machinery in the carriage shop the carriages are now made as soon as the guns. The Bureau is also preparing a circular inviting manufacturers and inventors of armor plates to submit sample plates for trial at the naval ordnance proving grounds. The plates are to be 6 by 8 feet and 10½ inches thick. The conditions of the test will be quite severe. Notice of intention to compete must be received by the Ordnance Bureau before Feb. 10.

SECRETARY TRACY has ordered work to be suspended on the plans of the 7,500-ton ship to allow time for Congress to authorize her increase to an 8,500 or 9,000-ton vessel. No detailed plans of the enlarged ship have been worked out yet, and it has not even been decided what type she is to be. It is most probable, however, that she will be given more armor protection and heavier guns, her 11-inch guns being supplanted by guns of 12 inch calibre. The secondary battery of rapid-fire guns would also be increased and more engine power would be given her, so as to force her speed up to 18 knots or more and make her a fast-cruising battle-ship. Another proposition is to convert her into a protected cruiser of great speed equal to or superior to the *Blake*, of the British Navy. If this plan is adopted, side armor will be dispensed with entirely, and her vital parts will be protected by a heavy turtle-back steel deck, sufficient to deflect most of the shots that would be apt to strike her. The lines of her hull would be designed for great speed, and she would be given engines of from 13,000 to 14,000 horse power, so as to drive her through the water at a maximum speed of from 20 to 21 knots an hour. If this latter type is adopted, the weight of the vessel's battery will be greatly reduced, and instead of four 11-inch guns her largest weapons will probably be two 10-inch guns.

NAVY GAZETTE.

Ordered.

Dec. 27.—Commander Albert S. Barker, to duty in Bureau of Navigation.

Lieutenant Commander B. F. Tilley, to instruction in ordnance at the Navy-yard, Washington.

Chief Engineer John Lowe, to duty at Navy-yard, Washington, Jan. 2.

Assistant Engineer C. H. Hayes, to duty at Navy-yard, Norfolk, Va.

Carpenter D. M. W. Nash, to duty at the Columbia Iron Works, Baltimore, in connection with the building of Cruisers 8 and 10.

Carpenter Gould Northup, to duty in connection with the hull of Cruiser No. 11 at the City Point Works, South Boston.

Dec. 28.—Lieutenants M. F. Wright and James H. Sears, Asst. Eng. Robt. L. Wertz and Acting Gunner Peter Hawley, to the Baltimore Jan. 7.

Ensigns J. L. Jayne and Elliot Snow and Asst. Engr. Horace W. Jones, to the Charleston.

Paymaster Arthur Burtis, to the Charleston January 24.

Medical Inspector W. K. Schofield, to special duty at New York Jan. 6.

Dec. 30.—Commander Henry C. Taylor, to command the Alliance Jan. 15.

Lieutenant Geo. L. Dyer, to the Charleston January 25.

Ensign Wm. S. Sims, to the Pennsylvania nautical school ship Saratoga.

Assistant Engineer Frank W. Bartlett, to examination for promotion.

Captain Geo. H. Perkins, to command Omaha, per steamer Jan. 21.

Jan. 2.—Lieutenant-Commander John C. Rich, Lieutenant G. Blockinger, Surgeon Howard Smith and P. A. Surgeon Reah Fraser, to the Alliance at Norfolk, Jan. 15.

Lieutenant A. P. Nazro, to the Branch Hydrographic Office, New York.

Ensign R. P. Schwerin, to the Navy-yard, New York, Jan. 10.

Detached.

Dec. 27.—P. A. Engineer E. R. Freeman, from duty at the Columbia Iron Works, Baltimore, and await orders.

Chief Engineer C. E. De Valin, from Navy-yard,

Washington, Jan. 2, but to continue on duty as a member of board for purchase of tugs.

Assistant Engineer C. A. E. King, from Navy-yard, Norfolk, and ordered to Columbia Iron Works, Baltimore.

Dec. 28.—Rear Admiral L. A. Kimberly, from the command of the Pacific station, Jan. 25, and ordered to proceed home and wait orders.

Commodore Geo. Brown, from the command of the Norfolk Navy-yard, Dec. 31, and ordered to command the Pacific Station, with the rank of acting rear admiral while retaining that command.

Lieutenant Robt. M. Doyle, from special duty in Philadelphia, Jan. 6, and ordered to the Baltimore.

Lieutenant Lucien Flynn, from duty as inspector of electric lighting at Cramp's ship-yard, Philadelphia, Jan. 3, and ordered as assistant in the inspection of electric material at New York Navy-yard.

Lieutenant S. H. May, from Bureau Ordnance, Jan. 6, and ordered to the Baltimore.

Ensigns B. W. Wells, C. C. Marsh, and B. C. Decker, from the Naval Observatory, Jan. 6, and ordered to the Baltimore, Jan. 7.

Ensign George Breed, from duty at the West Point Foundry, Jan. 4, and ordered to the Baltimore, Jan. 7.

Ensign H. E. Parmenter, from the Fish Commission steamer Albatross and ordered to the Charleston.

Ensigns A. M. Beecher and J. D. McDonald, from the Coast Survey steamer Patterson and ordered to the Charleston.

Ensign W. O. Hulme, from the Wabash, Jan. 6, and ordered to the Baltimore.

Medical Inspector John Clark, from duty as a member of the Medical Examining Board, Jan. 6, and ordered to the Baltimore, Jan. 7.

Surgeon J. B. Tryon, from special duty at New York, Jan. 6, and ordered as a member of the Medical Examining Board.

Passed Assistant Surgeon D. M. Guiteras, from the Despatch and ordered to the Naval Hospital, Philadelphia.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Oliver Dehl, from the Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, and ordered to the Baltimore.

Passed Assistant Surgeon J. D. Gatewood, from the Naval Academy and ordered to the Despatch.

Assistant Surg. E. H. Stitt, from the New Hampshire and ordered to the Baltimore.

Chief Engineer A. H. Abie, from duty at Philadelphia and ordered to the Baltimore.

Chief Engineer Wm. S. Smith, from duty at the Navy-yard, Mare Island, and ordered to the Charleston.

Passed Assistant Engineer Ira N. Hollis, from duty at the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, and ordered to the Charleston.

Passed Assistant Engineer Wm. Rowbotham, from duty at Philadelphia, Jan. 7, and ordered to the Baltimore.

Chaplain R. Hudson, from duty at the Mare Island Navy-yard and ordered to the Charleston.

Carpenter Josiah P. Carter, from duty at Cramp and Sons' and ordered to the Baltimore Jan. 6.

Captain Henry C. Cochran, Marine Corps, and 1st Lieutenant Paul St. C. Murphy, detached from duty at the Navy-yard, Brooklyn, and ordered to the Navy-yard, League Island, Pa.

Dec. 27.—Passed Assistant Engineer E. R. Freeman, from duty at the Columbia Iron Works, Baltimore and await orders.

Chief Engineer C. E. De Valin, from Navy-yard, Washington, Jan. 2, but to continue on duty as a member of the board for the purchase of tugs.

Assistant Engineer C. A. E. King, from Navy-yard, Norfolk, and ordered to the Columbia Iron Works, Baltimore.

Dec. 30.—Captain Fred. L. McNair, from command of the Omaha on the reporting of his relief and ordered to return home and report arrival.

Commander E. C. Merriman, from the Navy-yard, New York, and ordered to command the receiving-ship St. Louis.

Lieutenant C. G. Calkins, from duty on the Inspection Board, San Francisco, and ordered to the Fish Commission steamer Albatross.

Ensign E. P. Blow, from the Branch Hydrographic Office, New York, Jan. 15, and ordered to the Charleston Jan. 25.

Ensign F. K. Hill, from duty in the Coast Survey, Jan. 10, and placed on waiting orders.

Assistant Naval Constructor S. W. Armistead, from the Navy-yard, New York, and ordered to duty in charge of construction of hull of cruiser No. 11, at City Point, South Boston, Mass.

Assistant Engineer Frank W. Bartlett, from duty at the Michigan Military Academy and placed on waiting orders.

Jan. 2.—Lieutenant M. L. Wood, from Coast Survey duty, Jan. 14, and ordered to the Alliance, Jan. 15.

Lieutenant Richard Henderson, from the Navy-yard, Washington, and ordered to the Alliance, Jan. 15.

Ensign J. H. Hetherington, from the Michigan and ordered to the Alliance, Jan. 15.

Chief Engineer John F. Bingham, from duty at the Navy-yard, Norfolk, Jan. 15, and ordered to the Alliance same day.

Assistant Engineer Harry Hall, from special duty at Cramp's shipyard, Jan. 13, and ordered to the Alliance, Jan. 15.

Resigned.

P. A. Engineer Asa M. Mattice, to take effect June 30, 1890.

Leave.

The leave of Lieutenant A. G. Berry has been extended six months, and that officer has been granted permission to remain abroad during that period.

MARINE CORPS.

Jan. 2.—Capt. W. S. Muse, detached from duty at the Navy-yard, Mare Island, Cal., and ordered to the Charleston.

Captain H. H. Coston, detached from the Navy-yard, Norfolk, Va., and ordered to the Baltimore.

Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

The Library of the Minnesota Commandery has just received 19 volumes of the reports of the annual reunion of the Army of the Cumberland, and Gen. John R. Sanborn has donated 26 volumes of miscellaneous books upon the War of the Rebellion.

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ARMYNAVY.

THE Pioneer Press thinks that the "lot of a Signal
Service officer, from General Greely down, is not a
happy one," for St. Paul is wrathful because the
promised cold wave has not materialized, and there
is so far no ice palace.

It will be a source of satisfaction to many to learn
that the Prince of Wales has considerably improved
during the past two months, and although much
thinner looks very well.

1889—A RETROSPECT.

EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE has been a
busy year for both Army and Navy, and their
march in the paths of improvement and efficiency
has been steadily onward and upward. In January
a revised edition of Blunt's Manual for Small Arms
practice, simplified in many respects, was issued,
and the firing, competitions, etc., in the Army for
1890 were conducted thereunder. The results have
been highly satisfactory, as the reports we have
published show. Next came the new regulations
for the Army as to bakery, band and company
funds, and these have been found to work satisfac-
torily. Many abuses and complaints which crept in
under the old system have entirely disappeared and
many necessary articles heretofore virtually paid
for by the soldiers themselves are now supplied by
the Quartermaster's Department. In February the
canteen system was made general for the whole
Army and is an assured success. The War Depart-
ment means to have it universal and universal in
due season it will be.

Towards the end of February some excellent
regulations were promulgated touching the practi-
cal and theoretical instruction of the troops and
other matters affecting the interior economy of the
military service. In March was received the new
edition of the Regulations, condensed and revised,
and approved for the government of the Army Feb.
9, 1889. They have been slightly amended in some
particulars since issue, but take them for all in all
they are satisfactory. In April we had special in-
structions looking to a more thorough sifting of re-
cruits and in May revised regulations governing the
status, etc., of enlisted men retired from active
service under the act of Feb. 14, 1885. Several new
posts have been established and progress made in
the direction of concentration of troops, such as the
generally peaceful state of affairs on our borders
makes practicable. In June the President issued
his orders doing away to some extent with Sunday
morning inspection, which ceremony has for some
years been the subject of correspondence and dis-
cussion. Heavy artillery instruction has been pur-
sued as never before and the Washington authorities
are making strenuous efforts to place our forts in
proper order for efficient instruction as well as for
efficient defence. Signal instruction has received
its modicum of attention, although not to the
extent that some may have desired.

The subject of desertion from the Army has re-
ceived especial attention and the recruiting depots
have been subjected to rigid overhauling, such as
they have not had for years.

The summer manoeuvres of the troops upon
which Major-General Schofield lays much stress,
have been faithfully executed, as witness the re-
ports of operations at Camps Schofield and George
Crook, camp near Fort Grant, camps on the Little
Missouri and near Lodge Pole Creek, Camp at
Cayuse Station, etc.

The Board of Ordnance and Fortification has
been busy and made a good record of work.

In October were issued revised regulations for
the promotion of meritorious non-commissioned
officers and in November came the popular order
directing that taps should be sounded at 11 P. M.

The Tactical Board has nearly finished its labors
and soon we may expect the official promulgation
of its work.

The schools of the Army at West Point, Willets
Point, Fort Monroe, Fort Leavenworth and Fort
Riley, and those for the Navy at Annapolis and
Newport and on board our training ships, have
maintained their high reputation and as the years
go on their usefulness increases.

The year has been an eventful one for the Navy.
A change of Administration has brought no change
in the determination to pursue the work of provid-
ing it with new and modern ships-of-war, and the
first results thus far of this determination are
shown in the organization of the Squadron of Evolu-
tion under Admiral Walker. The Navy seems at
last to have awakened public opinion in its behalf,
and there is every prospect that the work of re-
construction will continue until we are able to
make at least a respectable showing upon the sea.
Hand in hand with the improvement of the material
goes the work of reorganizing naval methods and
increasing the efficiency of the Naval Administra-

tion. New pay bills for petty officers and seamen have also been adopted, so far as they can be without the co-operation of Congress, and a vigorous effort will be made this winter to secure an increase in the number of enlisted men to accompany the increase in the number of ships. The first steps have been taken for the organization of a naval militia, the project for incorporating the Revenue Marine with the Navy is revived and there is promise of a more liberal policy at Washington in dealing with the subject of encouraging our merchant marine and placing within the reach of the Navy, for purposes of war, fast cruisers that may be made of use in time of peace for the pursuits of commerce.

The disturbances in Hayti and Samoa have called for the services of our naval vessels during the year, and though melancholy recollections attend their experiences in the Pacific these have given opportunity for a display of the qualities that command for the Service the respect and confidence of the country.

Both Army and Navy have had their share in the celebration of the centennial of the establishment of our Government and the Army has, in addition, rounded the first year of its existence as a distinct establishment. With the two Houses of Congress in harmony with the President, for the first time in many years, we may hope for a unity of action at Washington which promises well for the two Services, if the discussion of the questions of tariff and Federal election laws do not absorb the entire attention of our legislators.

The new year opens very auspiciously for the Navy. Two valuable vessels—*Baltimore* and *Charleston*—are added to its list, and within a fortnight or two both vessels will be in active service, the former as flagship of the North Atlantic Squadron, the latter as flagship of the Pacific Squadron. The details for both vessels, the greater portion of which has hitherto been announced in the *JOURNAL*, appear in this week's *Naval Gazette*.

The *Baltimore* will go formally into commission at Philadelphia, Jan. 7, and within a few days thereafter, will proceed to Norfolk, where she will receive her 6-inch guns and otherwise be fitted out for sea service.

The *Charleston*, although she went into commission at the Mare Island, Cal., Dec. 26, will not have her full complement of officers and men before Jan. 24. With these two additions the ships of all kinds in actual service, including the apprentice squadron, receiving ships, and those on special service number 44, less than 30 of which, however, are actually in serviceable condition. The ships of the new Navy in commission are the *Dolphin*, *Chicago*, *Boston*, *Atlanta*, *Yorktown*, *Charleston*, *Baltimore*, (Jan. 7) and the *Petrel*. Five more should, and probably will be added during the present year—the *Philadelphia*, *San Francisco*, *Concord*, *Bennington* and *Vesuvius*.

It is gratifying to observe the various indications of a tendency to bring the two Services into closer relationship. First we are to have a uniform design of flag, the War Department having agreed that the arrangement of the 42 stars proposed by the Navy Department is the best that could be made. Then the Navy, to be generous as well as wise, adopts the Army system of signaling; and now we have a joint board agreeing upon a modification of existing regulations on the subject of official courtesies between the Army and the Navy, with a view to perfectly harmonious relationship. As it is now, the Navy Regulations provide for a salute of twenty-one guns and the Army Regulations order one gun for each State, or just double the number. The Board have decided that the salutes should be uniform, and have referred to the two Secretaries the question as to what they should be. No doubt the twenty-one guns of the Navy will be agreed upon, for otherwise there is no telling where we are to stop if we keep on breeding States. The necessity for agreement between Army and Navy in the matter of salutes was especially emphasized upon the occasion of the celebration of the battle of North Point, Baltimore, last fall. So the question of uniformity was referred to two excellent representatives of the respective Services, Rear Admiral Greer and Major Royal T. Frank, and they have found no difficulty in reaching an understanding.

In these days of criticism upon our Army it is a pleasure to record so glowing a tribute to the Military Service as that contained in the speech to the New Englanders by General Howard, of which we gave a portion last week. Criticism may be wholesome for the Army, but it should not blind the country to the sterling merits of our soldiers. Just as more attention is given to the one lost sheep than to the ninety and nine that go not astray, so do the misdeeds of a single soldier attract more attention and comment than the unobtrusive practice of all the virtues by a whole battalion. Every one who knows our Army understands how many there are in its ranks whose devotion to duty, whose high sense of honor, whose manly character, entitle them to be classed with those of whom it is said: "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before Kings: he shall not stand before mean men." As the experiences of war are forgotten, men fail to realize the value of the military virtues and are more prone to lay undue stress upon what are, or what they imagine to be, military vices, "compounding with sins they are inclined to by damning those they have no mind to." It is because we realize this growing tendency that we are urgent that our Army should be at all times true to its highest standards, and that it should not in any measure relax the rigor of that soldierly sentiment holding the highest as well as the humblest to the strictest obligation of duty.

GENERAL D. S. STANLEY, U. S. A., in his recent annual report speaks well of the discipline of the troops in the Department of Texas; denies that there is any general spirit of discontent among the enlisted men, or any lack of kindly feeling between officers and men, or that there is any tyranny or unnecessary harshness exercised by officers in dealing with their men. Recognizing that the entire cure of desertion is an impossibility, he suggests, as likely to abate the evil: first, make the eligible age of the recruit twenty-four years; secondly, give each recruit six months probation before administering to him the oath, giving half pay and carrying the balance to the end of his third year; and, thirdly, prohibiting all officers from using a soldier for any menial service in any way or manner. As his reasons for these suggestions, General Stanley says: "Young recruits are specially prone to desert, but after a young man has reached twenty-four years of age his mind is better settled upon the realities of labor and of life. As to the second proposition, a very large proportion of desertions occur in the first six months of enlistment, simply because the recruit finds himself unsuited for the Army; and, thirdly, employing men even as grooms or helpers outside of the house raises a spirit of envy and discontent in a troop, battery, or company. These recommendations," says the General, "may not be worth more than hundreds that have preceded them, but it would cost nothing to try them as compared to the pecuniary losses consequent upon desertion."

"FAIR PLAY" objects to the bill proposing to give general service clerks and messengers a retiring allowance of 75 per cent. of their pay as such, unless similar generosity is shown to retired staff sergeants. This reminds us of what an assistant adjutant-general once said to one of his clerks: "Get all you can for yourself, but don't try to advance your case by belittling the case of some one else and drawing invidious comparisons. If you go to work in that way you will surely fail." And he was right.

If the number of bills is any indication, there is to be a strong effort made to secure the enactment of a law to revive the grade of lieutenant-general. Two Senators and three or four members have already presented measures. There is little doubt of early and favorable action on the part of the Senate, and with a favorable report from the House Military Committee, with whom the present head of the Army is very popular, there is reason to hope for like action from the lower House.

THE four Army plums of 1890, the paymaster generalship, Feb. 15; the quartermaster generalship, June 16; the commissary generalship, July 1,

and the surgeon generalship, Aug. 16, are fast approaching maturity, and, if newspaper reports are to be believed, many mouths are watering for the luscious fruit.

A GENERAL meeting of the Military Service Institution will be held at Governor's Island, N. Y. Harbor, on Jan. 8, at which the President's annual report will be submitted.

We are indebted to the courtesy of the War Department for the privilege of publishing entire the report made by Brigadier-General Wesley Merritt, of field instruction of troops in the Department of Missouri during the year just ended. It is an admirable report, and one full of the lessons of practical experience. Accompanying the report are forty field maps. These we shall reproduce and with them the report will occupy twenty four pages of the *ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL*. We shall issue it in instalments of four pages each. They will be printed separately from the rest of the paper, and paged from 1 to 24, so that they can be brought together in consecutive order if that is desired.

T. W. CASKEY in a lecture at Bonham, Texas, on "The Inner Life of Jefferson Davis," said: "It is said history repeats itself. If this be correct, then the truest instance of a repetition that I know of is the life of Jesus Christ repeated to a great extent in the person of Jefferson Davis." Mr. Caskey said that during his acquaintance of a half century with Mr. Davis, the latter never entered a saloon nor allowed the mildest oaths to pass his lips, and was one of the most consistent Christians that ever breathed. Mr. Caskey will lecture through Texas this winter and will make a tour of the Northern States during the coming summer. He says now that the illustrious man is dead and cannot defend himself, he proposes to devote the rest of his life to showing to the world that Jefferson Davis was the greatest man that has lived since Jesus Christ. Mr. Caskey has undertaken a large contract. Perhaps he will commence by showing the lines of parallelism between the life of Jefferson Davis and of Him who, when he was smitten on the right cheek turned the left also; who stayed his hand when he might have escaped the humiliating death of the cross by calling twelve legions of angels to his defence, and who, when the foxes had holes and the birds of the air had nests, had not where to lay his head. It needs no depreciation whatever of Mr. Davis's undoubtedly high personal character to say that this comparison of one whose consuming ambition was to found an earthly kingdom, with slavery for its cornerstone, with Him whose kingdom was not of this world, stops little, if any, short of blasphemy. The great-hearted American people forgave much to Jefferson Davis; they will not forgive the attempt of a foolish clergyman to transform him into a saint because he neither drank nor swore.

We observe that P. A. Paymaster Thomas J. Cowie has followed the introduction of the resolution of inquiry by Senator Chandler by a request that a Court be ordered to inquire into his action in connection with the preparation and advocacy of the bill introduced by Mr. Compton into the House, Dec. 18, "to reorganize and equalize the pay of the personnel of the United States Navy, and for other purposes." We do not intend to pass judgment upon the course taken by Mr. Cowie to secure the attention of Congress to a measure which has secured a more general support from the Navy than any of the previous bills for equalizing rank and pay. He has simply done openly and above board what is constantly done in a less public manner, to influence the action of legislative bodies. All the same, the course pursued by Mr. Cowie to secure the passage of his measure promises to accomplish its defeat. The game of politics is one our officers do not understand, and it is best that they should not undertake to play it, for when they think they have the trick they will be sure to find a trump laid upon their ace. The attempt to use lobby influences of any sort is one that our officers should discourage, and contingent fees are always looked upon with distrust.

THE promotion to captain of Thomas W. Lord was delayed by the unwillingness of President Cleveland to take advantage of the act of Congress passed for his relief. Mr. Cleveland was opposed to promoting officers about to be retired for disability, and though he recognized the especial merit of this case, the most he could be persuaded to do was to permit the bill authorizing the promotion of Lieut. Lord to become a law without his signature. We cannot say how far President Harrison's nomination of Capt. Lord was due to his differing in opinion from his predecessor on the question of promoting disabled officers.

A SECOND COMPTROLLER does not, under our system, rank so high as a Secretary of War; but when it comes to a question of disbursing public money, he has the advantage of him every time. The dispute between the War Department and the Second Comptroller is the old story over again of the man who sat with his feet in the stocks while his legal friend argued with him that, under the law, it was impossible to put him there. The Secretary of War quotes the opinion of the Court of Claims in the cases of Surgeon Billings, Paymaster Smith and Lieut. Ray, to show that the Second Comptroller has no legal right to suspend payments authorized by the Secretary of War, as were those made to these officers and disallowed by the Comptroller. Mr. Gilkerson frankly admits that he does not agree with his predecessor, Mr. Maynard, in the opinion that these accounts were properly disallowed, but he comes practically to the same conclusion, as he holds that he is estopped by the Statutes, and by the rules and regulations of the Treasury Department, from opening these cases. He insists that the Court of Claims cannot in such cases render any judgment, but can only report its opinion to the Department by which the case was transmitted "for its guidance and action." Judge Story, in his "Commentaries on the Constitution," pointed out the serious defect of both Federal and State constitutions in failing to provide any means of enforcing a just claim against the State, such as exists in England under what is called a petition of right to the Court of Chancery. "Cases of the most cruel hardship and intolerable delay have," said Judge Story, "already occurred in which meritorious creditors have been reduced to grievous suffering and sometimes to absolute ruin by tardiness of a justice which has been yielded only after the humble supplication of many years before the legislature." Such cases have multiplied since this was said. It was to prevent them that the Court of Claims was established in 1855. But Congress, jealous of its prerogative of injustice, refused to grant this Court any power to enforce its judgments; so that hapless suitors are no better off than they were before. Congress and the Departments are prompt enough to accept and act upon the decisions of the Court when in favor of the Government, but from the first they have shown great unwillingness to give effect to the decisions of this tribunal when in favor of the claimant. Even a Cabinet officer, as it now seems, with the decision of the Court of Claims to sustain him, has not the power to overrule the decision of a subordinate officer of the Government in a matter concerning the administration of his own department.

MAJOR GENERAL WM. B. FRANKLIN, U. S. Commissioner General to the Universal Exposition of 1889, has sent to the Secretary of the Navy a highly complimentary report of the services of the Marine detachment which was assigned to the Commission. In it the spirit of the old soldier and war commander crops out, and he warmly thanks the Department for having added to the dignity and character of the representation of the United States by providing him with "such excellent troops." The report will probably be published. Great credit is due to the commander of this detachment, Captain H. Clay Cochran. He has done his part with his little detachment to relieve the mortification experienced by Americans travelling abroad during the past year at a display elsewhere of unsoldierly qualities. A wrong is done to the military service, an outrage inflicted upon Americans everywhere, when personal considerations are allowed to control the selection of a military attaché of any sort. We should either refuse to send officers abroad, or we should select those whose linguistic and other acquirements make their journey of use to the Service as a whole, and not a mere occasion for obtaining an agreeable outing at the expense of the Government.

THE Lexington (Ky.) Press, referring to the recommendation that a ten-company cavalry post be established in the neighborhood of that city, says: "There has long been a growing wish in the Army that a breeding farm, similar to one in France, should be established and maintained somewhere in this country. With our reputation as the best district in the world for breeding horses, the chances are that whenever this project becomes a reality it would be located here, if we now secure the cavalry post. This subject should be considered from a practical and not a sentimental standpoint. To secure this post means thousands of dollars annually expended in our midst; it means a home market for horses and provender for their keep, and for the hundreds of articles required to supply the soldiers."

THE question pending for some months as to whether a cadet dismissed from the Naval Academy is eligible for appointment to the Military Academy, has been decided in the affirmative. The party concerned, Clarence E. Long, 21st Ohio Dis-

trict, has received, through his representative, a nomination to West Point as a Christmas present. It was at first determined by the Secretary of War to refuse the request, but as the member of Congress agreed to be responsible for the young man's moral character, the Department yielded and the appointment was issued.

A WASHINGTON despatch of Dec. 29 says: "Diplomatic circles are very much excited over a rumor of the dissolution of the kingdom of Korea, and its rehabilitation as an absolutely dependent province of China. The present state of affairs is said to have been brought about by the machinations of Li Hung Chang, the shrewd and far-seeing viceroy of China."

MESSRS. WM. S. KIMBALL AND CO., of Rochester, N. Y., send us their annual package of specimens of the various kinds of tobacco and cigarettes put up by them. The assortment is large, and every year additions and improvements are made, so that, whatever the taste of the smoker, it is sure to find gratification in some product of this famous factory.

It is too early to prophesy, but the indications are that the efforts of the War Department to secure a better class of recruits, and otherwise to relieve the Army of elements of discontent, will result in a much more favorable showing in the matter of desertion. The total for November was 159, out of an enlisted strength of 23,500, or about 8 per cent. for the entire year on this basis. Last year the percentage was 11.34.

THE work begun several years ago by the military reservation division, A. G. O., of preparing sketches of all the military posts is now nearly complete. These sketches give a complete history of these posts from the time they were first occupied or came into the possession of the Government, down to the present.

SECOND COMPTROLLER GILKERSON will hear final arguments from attorneys and others interested in the Watson longevity claims on Monday next, and within a day or two after will decide whether or not to direct the settlement of the claims.

It is expected that a son of General Howard will be added to the list of civilians to be appointed second lieutenants in the Army. The son of General Wm. P. Carlin, Colonel 4th Infantry, is also thought to have a good chance of selection.

THE San Francisco Report, while it holds grand strategy in high respect, thinks that General Forrest, of the Confederate Army, stated most concisely and correctly its object, viz.: to "get the mostest men there fustest."

"FIRST SERGEANT" expresses the hope that "some member of Congress will bring in a bill 'For the relief of the non-commissioned officers of the line.'" So far as regards their pay and position, we hope so too, and that soon.

LATE ARMY ORDERS.

1st Lieut. H. M. Andrews, 1st Art., is transferred from Bat. A. to H. vice 1st Lieut. F. S. Rice, from H to A. Capt. J. L. Powell, asst. surg., is granted sick leave for two months. The leave of Lieut. E. Lloyd, 15th Inf., is extended one month. Lieut. A. Slaker, 1st Art., is appointed J.-A. of the G. C.-M. at Willets Point, vice Lieut. G. A. Zinn, C. E., relieved (S. O., Jan. 2, H. Q. A.)

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

FORT D. A. RUSSELL, WYO.

DECEMBER 23, 1889.

AN entertainment was given on Saturday evening by some of the officers and ladies of Fort Russell. It was successful both socially and financially, the beneficiaries being the Episcopal Church and Sunday School. The entertainment consisted of music by the 17th Infantry Band, under the leadership of Prof. Neski, tableaux, a very amusing pantomime, and Jean Ingelow's "Songs of Seven," recited and illustrated. The pantomime was called "A Bachelor in Search of a Wife," and the popular and energetic Lieut. James T. Kerr, 17th Inf., caused very great amusement in his matrimonial attempts. The tableaux were the "Manger Scene," arranged by Mrs. Lieut. Drulen, representing the birth of Christ; the "Gipsy Camp," arranged by Mrs. Capt. Appell, and "Santa Claus," arranged by Mrs. Lieut. Brush. All these were very lifelike and called forth much applause. The "Songs of Seven," representing the seven ages of woman, was much admired. It was arranged by Miss Lockwood, a lady of great talent and culture. In the audience, besides the officers and ladies of the post, were Capt. and Mrs. Lyon, of the Cheyenne Depot; Major and Mrs. Whipple, of the Pay Dept., and Mr. Holmes, and others from Cheyenne City.

Mrs. Polillon, Gen. Mizner's handsome and popular daughter, returned to the post from an Eastern visit last week. Mrs. Gen. Morrow, who has been visiting Mrs. Gen. Mizner, returned to Fort Sidney on Monday. Lieut. and Mrs. Dashiell have returned from their bridal trip.

REVENUE MARINE.

DEC. 27.—2d Lieut. C. C. Fengar, ordered to temporary duty on steamer Dexter at Newport, R. I. Capt. L. G. Shepard, of the Revenue Marine Service, who has been detailed to duty in charge of the Revenue Marine Division of the Treasury Department, has arrived in Washington from San Francisco, and has assumed charge of his new duties.

RECENT DEATHS.

A CABLEGRAM was received at the Navy Department, January, announcing the death of Commander Wm. S. Dana, of pneumonia, which occurred at Paris, France, Jan. 1, while he was returning home from a short leave of absence. He was the youngest son of Richard P. Dana, of New York. He entered the Naval Academy from New York, Oct. 23, 1859, graduated in 1863, and was promoted to Ensign on Oct. 1 of the same year. He was an officer of the Hartford, the flagship of Farragut in Mobile Bay, and was thanked by the Admiral in special orders for conspicuous gallantry on that occasion. Since the war he had served on the European, Asiatic, South American and West Indian stations. He was promoted Commander, Sept. 14, 1881. Commander Dana was a brother-in-law of General Egbert L. Viele.

Mrs. MILLS, the wife of Lieut. Stephen C. Mills, 12th Inf., whose sad death we recorded last week, was a lady well known in Army circles. Mrs. Mills was born at Ft. Ontario, Oswego, and had been stationed with her father, Gen. O. B. Wilcox, and husband at many posts. She accompanied her husband to Gibraltar, the Coast of Africa, and finally the Canary Islands, for the benefit of his health. She herself had never been so well as when they left America last summer, sailing from New York with bright anticipations of the complete restoration of her husband's health, and of exquisite enjoyment of the famous climate and scenery of the "Fortunate Isles." For many years Mrs. Mills had struggled against admonitory symptoms of a lung disease, but, with great resolution and courage, she devoted herself to the care of her father's young family after the loss of their mother, and afterwards to the acquisitions of art and literature. In pursuit of art, which she set out to follow as a profession, she spent several years in Paris, New York, and Washington. Hers was a bright, sunny spirit. Few more accomplished or fascinating women have been known in the Army or in American society. With all the graces inherited from her mother, she derived from her grandmother, Mrs. Chancellor Farnsworth, of Michigan, a fine taste for art and the elegance of life, as well as conversational and intellectual powers of a high order. Tributes to her memory from friends and acquaintances have been pouring into the hands of her family ever since her death was published in these columns. Let us hope that her memory will not soon be forgotten, and that her mourning father and husband may feel whatever comfort may be drawn from the fact that so many share their grief. It will not seem strange, but we have learned that in her final and very painful illness from acute tubercular peritonitis she evinced her usual bravery and unselfishness, and seemed to think only of those she was leaving.

SURGEON JOSEPH HUGG, U. S. N., retired, who was found dead in his room at the Colonnade Hotel, Philadelphia, Dec. 24, had been an invalid for over two years, suffering from acute heart trouble. About 4 P. M. a porter went to the room and found Dr. Hugg lying on his bed apparently lifeless. A physician was summoned, and after examining the body pronounced death from heart disease. The deceased was unmarried. Dr. Hugg entered the Navy from New Jersey in 1861 as an assistant surgeon, was promoted passed assistant surgeon in May, 1865, and surgeon in December, 1871. He was retired in 1887.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON, grandson of the great Revolutionary statesman, died at his home "Nevis," at Irvington-on-the-Hudson, Dec. 30. His death was due to a severe cold which his advanced age prevented him rallying from. Mr. Hamilton entered West Point in 1832, but left before graduation to enter upon the practice of law. At the commencement of the Civil War he served for a time on the staff of Gen. Wool and did effective service.

THE wife of Dom Pedro, ex-Emperor of Brazil, died at Oporto, Portugal, Dec. 28. She was the second daughter of the late Francis I., titular King of Naples and the Two Sicilies, was born at Naples March 14, 1822, and in 1845 became the wife of Dom Pedro II. and Empress of Brazil.

MRS. STEVENS, the widow of Col. R. J. Stevens, Consul at Victoria, B. C., who died recently, was before marriage Caroline Baker, second daughter of the gallant E. D. Baker, who was killed at Ball's Bluff Oct. 21, 1861.

MRS. SARAH C. SPENCER, who died recently at Elizabeth, N. J., was a granddaughter of Col. Oliver Spencer, who commanded a regiment of infantry of the New Jersey line during the revolutionary war.

MR. G. MORRIS HALLER, son of Colonel Granville O. Haller, U. S. Army, retired, of Seattle, was drowned in Puget Sound, Dec. 2.

NAVY-YARD, NORFOLK.

AFTER much delay and difficulty in determining the site for the new Marine Barracks at Norfolk, the matter has been settled in accordance with the original recommendation of the board appointed for that purpose. The plans for a very handsome building were approved by the Secretary of the Navy last week, and the quartermaster of the Marine Corps authorized to advertise for proposals and begin the work. The site adopted is more convenient and healthful than that now in use.

A BOAT containing eight sailors from the Fish Commission steamer Albatross, and a crippled newsboy left the Albatross at Mare Island Navy-yard, Dec. 23, for Vallejo. The night was dark and the tide running strong, and the boat upset when near the Thetis. A boat was lowered from the Thetis and five men were rescued. John Earlight, a sailor who was on the Trenton at Samoa; Robt. Padgett, machinist; W. W. Lee (colored) and the newsboy were drowned.

THE STATE TROOPS.

Correspondence on subjects appertaining to this department of the paper is always gladly received. The wishes of contributors as to the use of their names will be scrupulously regarded.

NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION.

It appears from the correspondence received by the officers of the National Guard Association that the efforts they are making towards securing improved legislation from Congress in favor of the militia, are meeting with strong approval from the National Guard of the different States.

Illinois is taking the matter up with great vigor, and has already selected its delegates. The movement has also received the support of Adjt.-Gen. Dalton, of Massachusetts, one of the most enterprising and efficient officers in the National Guard. Adjt.-Gen. Peck, of Vermont, writes Col. Bridge that his State will be represented by a delegation, of whom he will be one; as also does Adjt.-Gen. McDonald, of Virginia.

Adjt.-Gen. James D. Glenn, of North Carolina, states "that he will be at the meeting of the association with a delegation from his State."

Adjt.-Gen. Banham, of South Carolina, states "that he will gladly contribute all in his power to any movement calculated to improve the condition and efficiency of our militia, so essential to the preservation of peace and security of each State, and the only source from which an army could be rapidly recruited with (partially) trained men." He states "that he is sorry that his State, like many others, has hitherto failed to recognize the value and importance of our troops, which are composed of the best material in the State, and were it not for the material aid now given by Congress he is satisfied that many commands would not long continue to bear the heavy burden entailed upon them."

CONVENTION OF ADJUTANT GENERALS.

A CONVENTION of the Adjutant Generals of the Northwestern States, including Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota, has been called to meet at the Grand Pacific Hotel, Chicago, Jan. 14. The purpose of the gathering is to discuss affairs relating to State militia, and to secure greater uniformity in the drill and rifle practice and qualifications in the National Guard of the various States.

This important convention is the result of the recommendations of Capt. Philip Reade, U.S.A., made at different times during the past year, and quite a number of the leading riflemen of Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota are in favor of an inter-State rifle competition, to be held each year, and of a plan to introduce the same rules and regulations in regard to rifle practice in all of the States. The business meetings of the proposed association will be held in Room 614, Pullman Building, Hdqrs. Division of the Missouri, the use of which office, with all that it contains, has been proffered by Gen. Crook. Whatever system of small arms instruction, practice and competition is adopted will be based, as far as possible, upon the methods of the U. S. Army.

SOME COMING EVENTS.

- Jan. 9.—Review and ball of the 1st Battery, N. Y., Capt. Wendel.
- Jan. 14.—National Guard Convention at Albany, N. Y.
- Jan. 16.—Ball of 2d Regt., N. Y., at Metropolitan Opera House.
- Jan. 22.—Reception of Co. K, 15th N. Y., at Adelphi Hall.
- Jan. 30.—Reception of 8th N. Y. at new armory.
- Feb. 5.—Convention of National Guard Association of the U. S. at Washington, D. C.
- Feb. 5.—Joint athletic games Co. H, 13th N. Y., and Nautillus Boat Club.
- Feb. 10.—Athletic games Co. D, 4th N. Y., at armory.
- Feb. 22.—Annual ball and review of 3d Battery at armory.
- Feb. 22.—Annual reception of Co. G, 7th N. Y.
- March 1.—Joint athletic meeting Co. H, 71st N. Y., and American A. C.

Eight New York.—Col. Geo. D. Scott.

BRIG. GEN. L. FITZGERALD, 1st Brigade, N. Y., issued an order this week assigning the 8th Regiment to its new armory and directing Col. Scott to remove his command into the new building at the earliest moment and establish his headquarters there. The 8th will thus start on the new year in possession of one of the finest armories in existence. They will have plenty of hard work before them, but will doubtlessly be fully equal to the task.

At a meeting of the officers of the regiment, it was resolved to have the opening reception on Thursday evening, Jan. 30. Regimental drills will take place on the Monday evenings of Jan. 6, 13 and 20. The following delegates have been elected to represent the regiment at Albany at the meeting of the National Guard Association: Col. G. D. Scott, Lieut.-Col. F. A. Schilling, Capt. Knight Neftel and Lieut. Harry Midcock.

Thirteenth New York.—Col. D. E. Austen.

The regiment assembled for review and dress parade and presentation of marksmen's badges on Dec. 30. Line was formed for review with 10 companies of 16 files in command of Col. Austen. After the regiment was brought to a rear open order, the commandant gave the command "front" without first going to the right to align the front rank. Brig. Gen. C. F. Robbins was tendered the review. After the command was presented and the reviewing officer saluted, the colonel before joining the reviewing officer neglected to sheathe his sword, but carried it while he accompanied the reviewing officer around the battalion; on the return of the latter officer to the right the colonel did not acknowledge his salute. The passage so far as company fronts were concerned was not so good. It was about evenly divided between ragged and even fronts. The salutes of officers were very perfectly rendered. After the regiment broke into column of fours, the distance between ranks in many cases was not properly kept. This was manifest when the fours wheeled into line. A number of gaps were found between companies, necessitating a rectifying of alignment. Dress parade, with Maj. Morie in command, followed. The manual by company was very well done. The file closers, however, should not execute all the manual with the regiment, but confine themselves to the parts of the manual prescribed.

The sharpshooters and marksmen were then ordered to the front, and Gen. Robbins after complimenting the men on their success distributed the medals, of which 269 were marksmen and 9 sharpshooters, a total of 278 qualified shots. The sharpshooters were: Sergt. Geo. E. Constable, F; Pvt. Geo. W. Lott, G; Capt. Chas. H. Luscomb, K; Pvt. Thos. G. Austin, G; Sergt. James McNeive, N; C. S.; Sergt. Geo. A. Lane, A; Maj. Richard F. Morie, Beld; M. Sergt. H. G. Morris, G; Corp. Valentine Werner, H.

The following have qualified as marksmen for 18 successive

years, viz.: Capt. Wm. J. Collins, Co. A; Capt. and I. R. P., W. Atwood French, staff.

After the order to dismiss the command was given there was considerable untidiness displayed in the ranks which the adjutant promptly corrected. In marching off to their respective rooms several companies did so in a very indifferent manner, straggling along with poor distance in marked contrast to other companies with proper intervals and heads erect. The exhibition as a whole was much behind former ceremonies. One of the striking differences observed during the evening as to honors being paid the colors was that when brought in the hall and passing the young sentry in front of reviewing stand, the latter promptly presented arms.

When the colors and guard arrived to take position in their company, no honors were rendered. It was a bad week to choose for a regimental assembly; quite a number of men were absent on account of extra work at the holiday season. An enjoyable concert and dance followed. The reception committee was composed of Col. Austen, Lt.-Col. Harding, Maj. Morie, Lts. Werner and Wernberg, and Capt. Watson, Collins, Davis, Powell, Luscomb, Dillont, W. H. Cochran, and G. G. Cochran. The executive committee was composed of Capt. Kerby, Adjutant Coughlin, and Lieut. Hanold. The floor committee was composed of Lieuts. Wiswell and Anderson and two non-commissioned officers from each company.

Sixty-ninth New York.—Col. Jas. Cavanagh.

It seems almost beyond comprehension that the repeated efforts of this regiment to have the basement of their armory put in a healthful and proper condition should be ignored. The basement is of necessity used six evenings in the week for drill purposes, and the dirty drippings from the floor of the market overhead and the leaks from old pipes, and the ill-ventilated condition of the basement, make it a most undesirable and unhealthy place to be in, and both officers and men are decidedly averse to going down in the foul place. To make matters worse, the boilers are out of order and cannot be used. Consequently the armory is without heat and is cold and damp. Big refrigerators in the meat market under the company and officers' rooms do not improve either the atmosphere or the carpets, and heat is very much needed to dry out the place. It is about time that some one in authority stirred up the responsible parties to action in the matter. The progress of the regiment is very much retarded by this outside official neglect. Battalion drills will soon be ordered. Co. C, Capt. D. C. McCarthy, will probably give an entertainment at Tammany Hall in a few weeks, particulars of which will be duly announced.

Seventy-first New York.—Col. Fred. Kopper.

Co. B, 71st N. Y. (the Harlem company), held their first informal drill and reception at the Harlem Opera House on Dec. 23. The company appeared in its handsome full dress uniform, Lieut. Smith being in command. The movements executed were marching in column of fours and company front, on the right (and left) into line, right (and left) front into line, right (and left) by twos and flank movements, four right (and left) about, and oblique movements, in line and column. The company made a most creditable display, and demonstrated that the careful instruction it has been receiving was intelligently understood. Col. F. Kopper presented medals for marksmanship to three members of the company, and praised them for their efforts in this important duty. Lieut. Smith was then about to order the dismissal of the company, when Col. Kopper caused a stay of proceedings by addressing the lieutenant, and in a few remarks complimented him on his fidelity to the company and of his efforts to bring it to the standard of excellence it has attained, and which the members as well as himself (the colonel) greatly appreciated, and Col. Kopper handed Lieut. Smith a beautiful sword which the members of Co. B had presented to him as a slight token of esteem. Lieut. Smith was taken quite by surprise and thanked the members for their kind remembrance. A most select number of guests were present and took part in the dancing that followed, which they enjoyed until a little before midnight.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

GEN. ORDWAY, on Dec. 16 last, held the first of a series of informal receptions at the National Guard Headquarters. These receptions will be continued every Monday evening throughout the winter. The rifle gallery, recently fitted up for the National Guard, is in good working order, and during the past week things have been very lively indeed. An unusual number of fine scores were made. During the coming summer several teams will be selected from the Guard, and these teams will engage in a series of contests, and from these several teams a crack team will be picked, to contest with picked teams from any of the States.

At the military ball to be given by Co. B, 5th Battalion, at the W. L. I. Armory, on New Year's eve, there will be an individual competitive drill for a handsome gold medal between members of different companies of the Guard. Entries will be limited to three enlisted men from each company. The competitive drill for the Ross medal by Co. B, 1st Battalion, was won by Sergt. Chas. Stevens.

Lieut. C. C. M. Lorrimer, adjutant of the 1st Battalion, gave an illustrated lecture on Paris on Friday evening last, at G. A. R. Hall, in aid of the 5th Battalion fund for furnishing their new quarters.

Sergt. Knookery, of Co. A, 3d Battalion, has been promoted to the 2d lieutenancy.

The Fenobles (Co. C, 2d Battalion) entertain their many friends on Tuesday evenings at their armory with some fine exhibition drills. The company has established a "Cycle" Club among its numbers and so far some twenty odd wheels have already enlisted.

The 5th Battalion has moved into its new quarters on D st., where they will have battalion, company, and squad drill rooms, and rooms for the field and staff. This has been a very lucky battalion recently; it now contains the only company in the Guard which has the limited number (100) of men.

Uniforms and equipments have been sent to the War Department Rifles, and they have been assigned as Co. C, 6th Battalion. Capt. Abbott is putting the boys to work, and will soon fulfil the expectations of the friends of this company.

The Ordway Rifles are still looking for a new captain.

Mr. J. M. Barrett has been commissioned as lieutenant in Co. B, 6th Battalion.

Dr. Lewis, of Capitol Hill, has been appointed surgeon of the 1st Battalion.

A new company has been organized here and have filed an application for the first vacancy that occurs in the Guard.

GUIDES POSTS.

WASHINGTON.

SUNDAY, Dec. 15, was Memorial Day, and was specially observed in the town of Seattle. At 1 p.m. a procession formed in which were Companies B, C, D and E of the 1st Regt., members of the G. A. R.,

members of the medical and legal professions, State, county and city officials, civic organizations and citizens. Maro⁹ was taken for the armory building, where appropriate exercises were held. Capt. W. J. Fife, of Tacoma, has organized a Cadet Corps, and drills the boys from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday afternoons. There is no expense attached, and the boys are drilled and disciplined, which may be a great advantage to them in after life. Captain Fife likes boys, and has a way of making them like him.

VARIOUS.

An election for a major of the 12th N. Y. is called for Monday evening, Jan. 6.

Major A. P. Montan, inspector on the staff of Gen. Fitzgerald, N. Y., is a very amiable gentleman of massive build. His form denotes great strength and if he ever indulged in athletics he probably gave a good account of himself.

Speaking of big men, Gen. J. B. Woodward, formerly adjutant-general, N. Y., is a Goliath in stature, being over six feet in height, and was one of the finest looking officers in uniform imaginable. Major C. H. Chauncey, of the 8th N. Y., is another gentleman whose athletic form shows up conspicuously.

Brevet Col. L. K. Fuller, Captain of Fuller's Light Battery, Brattleboro, Vt., was in New York last week, accompanied by his family. Col. Fuller paid a visit to Captain Wendell's and Capt. Wilson's crack batteries, and it is almost needless to state enjoyed the visit.

The Christmas reception of the 2d N. Y., which took place at their armory last week, was a very enjoyable affair.

Capt. Louis Wendel, 1st Battery N. Y., on Saturday evening, Dec. 23, gave a very interesting exhibition of expert horsemanship, before a number of delighted spectators, at the Harlem Riding Academy. The Captain, by the by, is one of the most skilled horsemen in the National Guard.

The first competition for the regimental team match, 7th N. Y., took place on Dec. 23 at the armory range. The match was open to teams of three from each company, excluding those who have armory record of 65 or better; five shots standing and five lying down. The aggregate scores in order of merit were: Co. G, 120; Co. H, 131; Co. I, 135; Co. K, 121; Co. A, 123; Co. L, 117; Co. E, 116; Co. C, 113; Co. F, 112; Co. D, 112.

The officers of the 1st Regt. Penn. N. G. have been invited to attend the ball of the 23d Regt., N. Y., which takes place at the Metropolitan Opera House, in New York City, on Jan. 16.

Advices from Hartford, Conn., in reference to resignations of officers of the 1st Regt. forwarded some time ago to General Headquarters, say that it seems to be the impression among many military men that only one resignation of each company, that of the captain, will be accepted, and in the case of the field officers, that of the colonel. That other resignations will soon be forwarded there is little reason to doubt.

The following are announced as the figures of merit of each organization of the Connecticut National Guard for the month of November, 1889, based on the drill reports for the month: 2d Regt., 90.66; 1st Regt., 67.94; 3d Regt., 67.82; 4th Regt., 67.79; battery A, 79.85; 5th Battalion, 73.21.

Lieut. W. H. Latimer, Co. C, 5th Battalion Conn. N. G., is noted in General Orders from the A. G. O. of Connecticut for neglect, in not correcting drill reports and forwarding them on time. What a shaking up there would be in the New York Guard if the plan of publishing names of officers responsible for delay in forwarding their returns was adopted in New York. It would not be a bad idea, and might result in much necessary reform.

Various rumors have appeared in the press to the effect that Col. J. T. Camp, 2d N. Y., was going to resign, and that a successor was being looked for, and even the names of several gentlemen as probable successors to Col. Camp were mentioned; all of which is untrue. The simple fact is Colonel Camp has no idea of resigning, nor has he even hinted at such a course, and the regiment is not looking for any likely successor to Col. Camp.

The following is announced as the figures of merit of each organization of the National Guard of California for the month of October, 1889, based on the drill reports for the month: 1st Inf., 71.49; 2d Inf., 67.65; 3d Inf., 66.77; 5th Inf., 68.60; 1st Art., 64.37; 6th Inf., 67.63; 7th Inf., 68.21; Signal Corps and unattached companies, 71.39.

"Since the great fire in Lynn, Mass.," says the Boston Sunday Herald, "several Essex county journals have made Col. Osgood, 8th Inf., Mass. V. M., who commanded the militia on duty at the fire, a target for abuse. He was 'rough,' 'tyrannical,' etc., etc., according to these accounts, and they evidently wanted the Commander-in-Chief to hang him. Col. Osgood stood the hot shot as long as he could, and then applied to the Governor, asking for a Court of Inquiry to examine his conduct while on duty at Lynn. The request has been returned to Col. Osgood, endorsed by the Commander-in-Chief, disapproved. The Governor was highly satisfied with the manner in which Col. Osgood discharged his duties at Lynn, and saw no reason to order any inquiry. This is a compliment which Col. Osgood well deserved, for his methods at Lynn, while necessarily stern, were warranted by the circumstances, and have the indorsement of the city's officials and the business men of the city."

The Board of Officers of the 1st Regiment, of Portland, Ore., have under consideration the feasibility of a Drill Tournament to be held on or about March 1, 1890, in which the National Guard companies will compete for the championship of the Pacific slope. It is proposed to offer cash prizes of sufficient value to secure the entry of such a number of companies as to render the occasion one of widespread interest, and memorable in the history of the military organizations of the Northwest.

The joint athletic games of Co. K, 13th N. Y., and the Aconr Athletic Club, which took place at the armory in Brooklyn on Saturday evening, Dec. 23, was a very interesting affair. They were the largest armory games yet given in Brooklyn, there being 324 entries, and the lengthy programme was run off with as much promptness as the circumstances would permit. The regimental band furnished music and at the conclusion of the games there was dancing. The sports comprised runs, walks, bicycle races, boxing, etc. Handsome gold and silver medals were presented to first and second in each event. A large audience was present.

In relation to some proposed reforms in the National Guard of Maryland, the Baltimore Sunday News says: "It is also probable that efforts will be made to relieve the officers of the National Guard of some of the expenses bearing upon them. During the past few years it has been the custom of choosing the man most fitted to fill an officer's shoes from among the ranks, be he rich or poor. In many respects this plan is a very good one, but if it is to be carried out in the years to come, the State will have to make some provision to help carry out this idea. There are now several instances in the different commands where good men holding commissions are not able to back them up, and it is only a question of a little time when they will be obliged to resign."

We have received this week handsome calendars from the following: Union Metallic Cartridge Co., Bridgeport, Conn. (through Messrs. Hartley and Graham, New York); S. Liebman's Sons Brewing Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Nicol and Roy, stationers and printers, N. Y.; Doylestown Democrat, Doylestown Pa.; Public Ledger, Philadelphia, Pa.

(From the New York World Dec. 29.)

THE NAVAL LYCEUM PROPERTY.

WITHIN the last few days all the property belonging to the Brooklyn Naval Lyceum at the Navy-yard has been removed and packed up ready for shipment to the Naval Academy at Annapolis. The Lyceum was a regularly incorporated institution, but had outlived its usefulness. The few remaining members recognized this fact, and not long ago met and resolved to donate all their property to the Academy.

In the talk with Comdr. Edward Hooker, a retired officer of the Navy, and from other sources, a reporter of the World was able to glean much that is of interest with regard to the Lyceum.

The original incorporators of the Lyceum are all dead, but there are three living who were among the first to become members. These are Commodore Joseph B. Hull, who is now about 90 years of age; Medical Director Smith, and Admiral Melancton Smith. Nothing of importance has been added to the library or museum for several years, and the membership became smaller and smaller, and unable to keep the institution running.

The library consisted of about 2,500 volumes, almost entirely on naval science and naval matters. There were English naval works of 200 and 300 years ago, and which are now very rare. There were some interesting old maps, and every official book which has been published anywhere on Arctic exploration. The oil portraits included life-size busts of Commo. Bainbridge, Commo. Perry, of Lake Erie fame, and Commo. Perry, of Japan fame. There was an engraved portrait of Napoleon Bonaparte, which is now very rare, and is said to be one of the finest likenesses of him in existence.

In the cases were many Indian relics in the shape of weapons. There were some interesting specimens from the South Sea Islands, and there were also several Egyptian mummies. There were models of most of the old ships of the United States Navy, and a piece of the cable which was stretched across the North River during the Revolutionary War to prevent British ships going up the stream.

THE Athenians were probably the greatest naval power in all antiquity. Themistocles had the sa-

gacity to discern the wonderful influence and controlling ascendancy of naval power. It is stated by Diodorus Siculus, that he persuaded the Athenians to build 20 new ships every year. He established the Piræus as a great commercial emporium and arsenal for Athens, and the cultivation of her naval superiority and glory was his favorite policy; for he held the proposition which Pompey afterwards adopted, that the people who were masters of the sea would be masters of the world.—Chancellor Kent.

CANTEEN FOR THE U. S. MARINE CORPS.

To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

In view of the very great benefits derived by the enlisted men of the U. S. Army, from the adoption of the canteen system, would it not be in the spirit of reform to introduce the system at the stations of the U. S. Marine Corps? The canteen is not an experiment, for it has been tested, beyond doubt, and found such a vast improvement on the old post trader or sutler as to cause wonder why he was tolerated so long by uncomplaining victims of his cupidity. But by wise counsel this long endured error can be remedied and this patient and useful body of men given an opportunity of improving (at their own expense) their now very indifferent and limited ration, and thus remove at least one cause of desertion. With his narrow income let the enlisted man have the best that can be had for a minimum expenditure; this is but a simple application of a correct principle, with the best results. As the requirements of the Service are increased by the improvements in our Navy, a better and more intelligent class of men are needed. Offer the best inducements to those already acquainted with the Service to remain, and let those joining see that there is something beyond a mere existence clothed in blue. "FOURS RIGHT."

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. R. asks where the office of the Navy Paymaster is in New York. **Ans.**—Third floor, Stewart Building, 250 Broadway, N. Y.

Prescott.—Admiral Jouett is the next officer to retire, Feb. 27. The following promotions will ensue:

Commo. A. E. K. Benham, Capt. Joseph Pyffe, Comdr. F. Rodgers, Lieut.-Comdr. Joseph E. Craig, Lieut. H. B. Mansfield, Lieut. (Junior grade) J. T. Smith and Ensign W. L. Burdick.

W. W.—A soldier discharged, re-enlists at Washington for a regiment in the west, and receives a furlough, would he have to pay his own transportation when his furlough expires, or would he be sent to his regiment at the expense of the Government. **Ans.**—At the expense of the Government, usually.

W. C. asks: 1. Are fines inflicted by sentence of Court-martial and forfeitures on account of desertion still paid in to the Soldiers' Home Fund? **Ans.**—Yes.

2. Can retired enlisted men receive outdoor relief from the funds of the Home? **Ans.**—They may, if the Board of Commissioners so direct. It rests with the Board.

C. R.—Of the nineteen acting hospital stewards examined during the past month for appointment as hospital stewards the following fifteen were successful, and will receive appointments within the next few days: James Smith, Alcatraz Island, Cal.; Wm. T. Edmunds, Fort Schuyler, N. Y.; Mathias Waleries, Fort D. A. Russell, W. T.; Chas. E. Lloyd, Fort Reno, I. T.; Hans Weber, St. Francis Barracks, Minn.; Hermann Knebeck, Fort Omaha, Neb.; Edw. Meagher, Presidio of Cal.; Francis W. Dumoulin, Fort Robinson, Neb.; Peter J. Lally, Fort Clark, Texas; Oscar Pollak, West Point, N. Y.; Geo. Kleimond, Fort Brown, Texas; John Caherty, Fort Niobrara, Neb.; Henry Lubee, Fort Wadsworth, N. Y.; Ernst Grosjoham, Fort Logan, Col.; Geo. S. Carty, Fort Leavenworth, Kas.

Marine asks: 1. A young man having enlisted in the Marine Corps, serves one year, and wishes a transfer to the U. S. Army. Can he, upon application, be transferred? **Ans.**—The approval by the proper authorities is optional and might or might not be given. Better try it if you wish the transfer.

2. Then by serving four years in the U. S. Army, could he obtain a discharge? **Ans.**—Yes, if he had then served his full five years, for his term of enlistment would have expired.

3 and 4. The answer to No. 2 covers these.

5. In what subject is a civilian wishing to become a 2d Lieutenant, U. S. A., examined? **Ans.**—Usual English branches, grammar, arithmetic, history, etc.; Constitution and organization of the U. S., etc.

Subscriber, Yonkers, N. Y., asks: At review of a company, the second platoon being in command of a non-commissioned officer, the commandant gives the command prepare for review, rear open order, march, does the non-commissioned officer pass by the left flank and take the place in front of the company at the command the same as a 2d lieutenant, or remain in the file closers? **Ans.**—He remains

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in the rank of file closers. Par. 183, Tactics, says: "At the command march, the lieutenants place themselves opposite their places in line, three yards in front of the company." Par. 812, At inspection, when the ranks are opened, a non-commissioned officer in command of his company takes his place on the right of the front rank.

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Melrose, Boston, asks: 1. Guard mount—If mounted in fatigue dress, would the officer of the day in the passage in review remove his hat to each platoon commander? Ans.—If the guard be passed in review, the new officer of the day returns the salute of the drum major with the right hand and uncovers while the guard is passing, holding his hat with the right hand over the left shoulder.

2. Would the officer in command of the guard command right shoulder after passing the officer of the day, or would he commit an error if he should permit the guard to remain at a carry until the guard tent was reached? Ans.—Tactics

require that the officer of the guard having passed in review before the officer of the day, and attained a distance from him of six or more yards, brings his guard to support or right shoulder.

M asks: What are the duties of a soldier between retreat and 11 P. M. Some construe G. O. 80 of 1889, that enlisted men shall not leave the post without permission. Ans.—We cannot see why any special permission should be necessary for soldiers not on duty and whose names are not on the "black list." Still we are aware these special permits are required at some posts, but are of opinion they are a needless restraint. Read letter in this week's issue from a correspondent at Fort McKinney, Wyo.

Sergeant, Co. B, Savannah Volunteer Guards, writes: "Contained in the JOURNAL of the 30th ult., is an answer given to a query of 'Orme, Savannah, Ga.' in which you say that 'four in circle, right (or left) wheel, forward, march, or squad halt, is prescribed from a halt.' I would like to know whether or not it is correct to give this command while on the march, in a prize squad drill which is not limited to the 'School of the Soldier.' The squad is composed of four men, and as it is correct beyond dispute to give 'Four in circle, right wheel,' etc., to a company in command of four while on the march, I should, therefore, think that it would be correct to give the command to a squad composed of four men being drilled for a prize."

Ans.—Par. 4, Tactics, says: "All movements which are not prescribed from a halt or on the march, may be executed either at a halt or marching." Par. 56: "Being at a halt, the instructor places a well-instructed man on the marching flank and commands, In circle, right or left wheel." Par. 212, which permits the fours in a circle, right or left wheel, is a continuation of the instruction of Par. 207, which is clearly from a halt. Fours in a circle, right or left wheel, while marching, is therefore not tactical.

J. W. L. P., New York City, asks: 1. How should first call for company drill be sounded? Should the regular first or musicians' call be sounded, immediately followed by drill call, and then after a certain length of time the assembly, or should the first call be sounded and then the drill call instead of assembly, or should drill call be sounded instead of the regular first call, followed after the specified time by the assembly? Ans.—First call is always sounded by the musician of the guard, and is a signal to the men and musicians to get ready. The limit of time between that, and the call for the particular drill required, is prescribed by the post commander. Assembly should always be sounded last, at which time the company will be formed by the 1st sergeant.

2. Is there any call or combination of calls used for the order "assemble on right (or left) skirmisher?" Ans.—These calls are not prescribed in tactics.

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 George G. Webb, Newark, N. J., cannon.
 Edwin J. Lumley, Washington, D. C., machine for making bullets and shot.
 John C. Lake, Ocean City, N. J., Steering gear for vessels.
 Oliver Pelkey, West Duluth, Minn., diving apparatus.
 W. Winchester, Mare Island, Cal., leak stopper for vessels.

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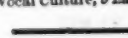
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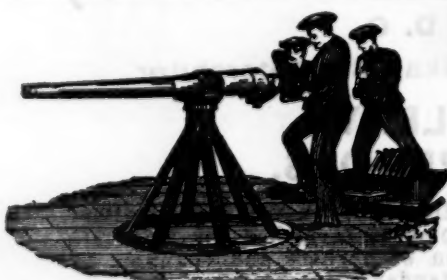
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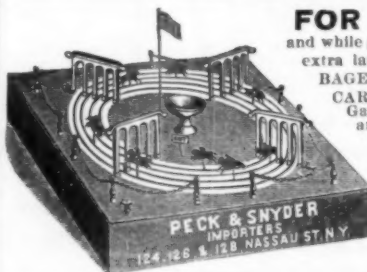
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